



BRIEFLY

BLOOMING NUKES Sun Valley Floral Farms announced last week that it will soon commence testing of atom bombs on its sprawling Arcata Bottom property. The Humboldt County Planning Commission approved the blasts with a Conditional Use Permit, congratulating the bulbous company for its “entrepreneurial spirit of innovation.” The rationale for the pasture-nuking is the beautiful mutations variations that will come about in the farm’s award-winning tulips, irises and lilies. “We need to harness the power of the atom to stay competitive,” said a SVFF news release. The nurturing nukes are to be decorated with fanciful murals painted by children from nearby Coastal Grove Charter School.

CANCEL CULTURE CALL-OUT In a blistering press release, Arcata Reclamation District No. 768 is decrying what it calls “cancel culture” by the local liberal media. “When was the last time you saw a ‘news’ story about us?” queried District Chair Hamish Flumpton. “The Arcata City Council and the McKMAC get lots of ink. Even the Manila CSD makes the news now and them But ol’ 768? *Never!* It’s a press blackout!” The obscure group meets once a decade or so to reaffirm its existence for federal regulators. The district is considering raising its profile by calling the Russian consulate in San Francisco to demand that a diplomat be sent to its next meeting to accept its proclamation of censure against the Russian Federation.

VICTORY IS MINE The heart of Desmit Vambardis, one of the keyboard gladiators in a torrid NextDoor debate over backyard bat box siting, has leapt with joy now that his bitter foe, neighbor Gladys Gilknorb, has made a typing error in a reply to his last jab. “It doesn’t have to be on a south-facing wall as long as it gets some son!” she said, allowing Vambardis to question not just her bat wisdom, but her education, upbringing, hygiene, patriotism and parental competence. “SON?” Vambardis shot back, luxuriating in his newfound advantage. “You can’t even spell, but sure, let’s all obey Gladys, the Great Biologist who thinks her children are bats LOL ROTFLMFAO” Unfortunately for Vambardis, turnabout has proven fair play now that, in a fit of pique, he carelessly followed up by telling her that “You obviously have no idea what your talking about.”

GINNED-UP CONTROVERSY The Humboldt County Society of Dedicated Gin Drinkers has petitioned the Arcata City Council to remove the Women’s Christian Temperance Union fountain on the Arcata Plaza. Gin drinker Foster Brooks, the group’s president, said the fountain is an affront to his fellow drinkers. “We’ve shuffered enoug, *hiccup!*, with sheople telling ush to drink water,” shaid Foshter. By way of conspiracy theories, he posited that the removal was simply a ploy by area vape labs to convert the fountain into a giant hookah.

ALL-PURPOSE EXCUSE Westhaven resident Yeejick Squimforp has invoked COVID-19 as the reason he hasn’t yet set his clocks to Daylight Saving Time. An hour late for his weekly child custody exchange with ex-wife Ludmilla, Squimforp vaguely said something about COVID anxiety. Pressed for details by Ludmilla, he doubled down by admitting that while he’d tested negative, the stress associated with application of the nasal swab had distracted him from the clock-reset task all week. Rolling her eyes, Ludmilla slammed the car door with somewhat more force than required, and is presently departing the parking lot at impressive velocity.

FORWARD-THINKING OPTIONS His once-lucrative career as a medical cannabis permit-dispensing doctor having gone kaput with changing times, Trinidad resident Benjoulic Flimwich is mulling his options for a second career. After exhaustive research, the former physician’s short list of new, more sustainable occupations has been winnowed down to three options: travel agent, shorthand teacher or newspaper paste-up/production specialist. “I’m an artist with that wax machine and bur-nishing tool,” Flimwich said with pride.

BIG BROTHERED Retiree Dingbert Truffleman is being harassed online by the combined might of the NSA, FBI, CIA, DHS and Monsanto, he says. A habitue of the *Stephanie Miller Show* chat room, Truffleman said several of his posts vanished after a particularly stormy discussion. “They’re afraid of me,” he said. “They know I know the *truth!*” He added that he suspects the clerk at the Alliance Road Quik-Stop is in on the plot, having looked at him funny when he recently heated up a poultice of Twinkies, pimento loaf and butterscotch frosting in the store microwave.

NEW HOSPITAL SHIP SAILS KLOPP LAKE



SAILING THE SEWAGE SEAS Arcata’s newest medical asset, hospital ship PRA Franklin Klopp on its eponymous pond. KLH | UNION

Floating medical facility poised to patch up sanctuary users

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ARCATA MARGE, APRIL 1 – A band played, pennants waved, champagne spilled across the bow and slithy toves raided unlocked cars in the parking lot as Arcata’s new hospital ship set sail on Klop Lake last Saturday.

The vessel, christened the PRA Franklin Klopp, launched on its voyage of health, but not too far. The ocean liner-sized ship can’t turn

around in the Arcata Marge and Wildlife Sanctuary sewage treatment pond, so it drifted to the center, where it is keeping station.

The 1,000-bed floating hospital is fitted with state-of-the-art surgical facilities with a crew of nearly 1,300. The ship’s \$254 million cost was covered by bike license fees, bake sales and round-ups at the AMIC gift shop.

Unfortunately, conflicts between maritime law and Coastal Zone regu-

lations currently prohibit the hospital ship from serving any patients outside the Marge area.

But while that glitch works its way through the courts, Margegoers who suffer bird-watching or other injuries will have access to immediate and overwhelming medical care. A youth who skinned his knee if a bike fall on a trail last Tuesday had his Band-Aid applied by an team of surgeons eager for some kind of action.



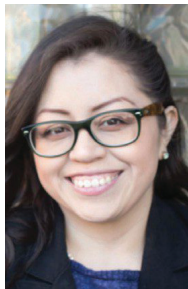
BAND OF SISTERS Many if not most but not all of Arcata’s female former mayors have formed a new singing group to open for the aging Grannies during civic functions. The Democracy Divas rehearsed their act Saturday morning on the lawn of Arcata City Hall, a site chosen for its acoustics. Above, Mayor Susan Ornelas, Mayor Connie Stewart, Mayor Thea Gast, Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Mayor Sofia Pereira, Mayor Alex Stillman and Mayor Julie Fulkerson belt out a heartfelt tune.

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Auditor catches up checkbook

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EUREKA, APRIL 1 – To the delight of citizens everywhere, Humboldt County Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominguez has reconciled her personal checkbook through July 15, 2019, getting her closer to finally closing out the county’s books for fiscal year 2020.

The laborious task of reconciling her checkbook took 30 days and 30 nights, with data entered into seven different spreadsheets on a Tandy TRS-80 and a six-foot-tall stack of index cards.. Paz Dominguez faced not only technological challenges, but was also hampered by a common mistake



Karen Paz Dominguez

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Candidates investigated

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Several Arcata City Council candidates are already under investigation by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for failure to disclose campaign contributions.

According to heavily redacted documents obtained by the *Union*, at least three of the six council hopefuls knowingly accepted transmissions of energy via Facebook on announcing their candidacy.

“You go, girl!” read one damning message. “Sending love.”

“Woo-hoo, thanks!” the

candidate, replied, apparently encouraging that and similar illegal donations.

The transaction was never reported, according to investigators. On probing deeper, FPPC auditors have discovered multiple similar instances of candidates openly acknowledging undocumented sendings.

“We’re still tallying all the love, energy, hopes, dreams, thoughts and prayers these candidates have amassed,” said FPPC representative Dirk Turvy. “We’ve had to rent a warehouse to story all the evidence while our forensic accountants and ectoplasm analysts sort things out.”

Internet fad subsides

Dizmer Plontofflets
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HUMBOLDT, APRIL 1 – A year ago, Arcata Plazagoers were as likely to be gazing into their phones or pursuing Pokémon phantoms as they were dodging the square’s romping dogs and roaming cigarette cadgers.

Today, they’re just as likely to be playing Mum-blety-peg, whittling or exchanging trading cards.

The retro amusements are typical of the pastimes finding renewed popularity as the once-popular World Wide Web wanes.

“All I need is something to text on and maybe to read QR codes for restau-

rant menus,” said Flibber-ty Gibbet. “I had screens in my pocket, my desk, my car, my house, my bedroom... and some of them were looking back at *me*.”

Three weeks in to his post-Internet existence, Gibbet continues to be surprised by how few flat earthers, chemtrail conspiracists, libtards, cucks, feminazis, tools and idiots he’s met in the real world, while his online life was bedeviled by them.

“Maybe I’ll meet more after I retrain my eyeballs to see things that are more than two feet away,” said the former screen junkie, popping in a fresh 8-track tape.

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MILDWIFE SANCTUARY The city’s new marsh signs have come with an unexpected editorial twist. The Marsh/Marge mixup happened because of a typo on the sign order form, caused by distracted Environmental Services Tech Skunk Cabbage daydreaming about that night’s anniversary dinner with his wife, Margaret. Mrs. Cabbage happened to be visiting her husband at the ES office when the signs arrived, and was so thrilled that no one at City Hall had the heart to tell her it was a mistake, much less send the signs back. For consistency, the City Council last week renamed Arcata’s famed former garbage dump the Arcata Marge and Wildlife Sanctuary.

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W&C Comm crashes

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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Last week’s Wetlands & Creeks Committee adjourned early out of respect for a lost legend – deceased NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt.

Earnhardt, who perished in a Daytona 500 crash in 2001, has been a continuing inspiration to the committee as it nurtures policies affecting creeks, riparian areas, wetland and tideland resources.



Dale Earnhardt

The group had barely gotten through roll call and was beginning approval of minutes, when the meeting ground to a halt. “We couldn’t go on,” said one of City Hall’s numerous Emilys, the committee’s staff liaison. “Everyone was distracted and unable to focus, so we called the meeting.

Earnhardt was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, and named one of NASCAR’s 50 Greatest Drivers in 1998. He was awarded North Carolina’s Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1994 and posthumously named “NASCAR’s Most Popular Driver” in 2001.

“Dale’s our guiding star,” said Committeemember Gwelth Nurvachard. “We’ll call this meeting a brief pit stop in the great quest for management of vegetation, recreation, wildlife and fisheries of the City-owned wetlands and creek zones, including the Arcata Marge & Wildlife Sanctuary.”

Zoom meeting-goer taking small eternity to repeatedly assure that he’ll be brief

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HUMBOLDT, APRIL 1 – A Zoom webinar’s lengthy queue of participants with their virtual hands raised is becoming unruly over the time-wasting behavior of participant Floy DeMupe.

The Fieldbrook resident, one of many in line to comment, wasn’t at his computer when he was called on. Just as the host said she’d “circle back” to DeMupe, he appeared on camera and appeared to be speaking, but his mic was muted.



Floy DeMupe

With precious seconds crawling by as the host beseeched the DeMupe to turn his mic on, others in the Zoom began impatiently fidgeting and glaring at the clueless poltroon whose mouth was moving noiselessly.

With others howling for him to unmute, DeMupe finally did so, but gobbled a handful of popcorn and spouted with his full mouth, “*Whyncha say something?!?*”

DeMupe immediately built on his charisma by eating as he spoke, suddenly shrieking at his dog and saying at least three times that he’ll be brief.

At this point, some one minute and 17 seconds into his rebooted remarks, DeMupe still hasn’t gootened to any kind of point and appears to be describing his lunch.

Virtual world claims McK casualty

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MCKINLEYVILLE, APRIL 1 – An employee of the McKinleyville Community Services District was rushed to the emergency room Thursday afternoon with a near-lethal case of boredom after listening to a co-worker describe his experiences of the night before.

James Rupper told doctors that he was initially intrigued as his co-worker told him about going on a raid the previous evening and while heavily armored in an effort to capture treasure from the enemy.

Rupper assumed his co-worker was leading a double-life and was perhaps caught up in Humboldt’s wacky weed black market.



James Rupper

But as his co-worker’s stories became more fantastical, Rupper realized that he was talking about nothing more than a stupid video game. None of it was real.

“An then I got to Level 6 and used my magical orb!” the co-worker reportedly said, allegedly.

As the co-worker rattled on, an overwhelming feeling of boredom set in. Rupper’s knees buckled, he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital.

Doctors are treating Rupper with an experimental cocktail of adrenaline injections, nasal turmeric snorts and Red Bull infusions as he watches nurses perform modern dance interpretations of the MCSD’s annual audit report.

Caltrans, McKMAC meet

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MCKINLEYVILLE, APRIL 1 – McKinleyville Community Advisory Boardmember Ghengis O’Flannery is doing a convincing impression of someone who is actually paying attention to a droning presentation by a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

With pen in hand, O’Flannery is leaning forward, jotting notes and occasionally peppering the Caltrans rep with the odd question. The majority of his attention, however, is devoted to wondering whether the McKinleyville Safeway is still out of smoked Gouda. Maybe they got some in since Sunday. Don’t they get shipments on Wednesday? That checker, Olga, said it was “freight day.” Maybe she said Tuesday. Oh yeah, Tuesday... Sparky has to go to the vet Tuesday. Better get the cat carrier out. It’s probably in the garage. Or the shed.

“Would the county or Caltrans be the lead agency for the wetlands enhancement grant?” O’Flannery asked.

A new roof, a new start for the row house complex

Dunstead Enterprises has decided to replace the not-that-old roof or roofs of the entire complex due to a chronic leak. This situation has provided the opportunity to introduce the company’s new state-of-the-art building style called Combinationalism, an aesthetic invented by Dunstead’s own staff.

Using the world’s largest two-man saw unearthed near a gigantic redwood stump on its property, left behind presumably by a 19th century logger named Big-of-the Foot and his sidekick, Even-Bigger-of-the-Foot, the company will send a crew of two of its largest carpenters to saw off the Fifth story of the Social Science building and airlift it by helicopter over to the Bottoms where it will be placed down gently, on the buildings at the site so as not to disturb the tenants of the 16 unit



❖ THE FUTURE OF ARCATA
Daniel Duncan

development. The new lid will be the talk of the town no doubt about it.

No, the new Cal Pollen Humboldt President did not forbid the procedure; he considered it an appropriate gesture toward the City of Urcata for the university’s violation of its four-story height limit. Dunstead has agreed to provide ponchos free of charge to the 4th floor employees left roofless until the construction of its new lid which Dunstead miraculously won the contract for.

In other news...

We have learned via grapevine that Gateway Area Dreamer (GAD), David Libber, poised to formulate the Entire Future of Urcata when it comes to buildings, streets, bike paths, parks, wastewater treatment, pedestrian safety and tickets to S.F. Giants games, having listened to every opinion of every citizen in the entire community either in person or on

Zoom for the last six months, has decided he cannot stand another minute of such abuse.

From now on, every future decision relating to the above categories is up to him alone, and it’s first come first serve, so all you developers get in line and let’s see what you’ve got—has become his new *modus operandi*. All public hearings are forthwith cancelled and the message machine on his cell phone is full so don’t bother trying to call him.

And don’t try to see him in person either. From this day forward he will be conducting his business in his office with the door closed, well out of sight of the ever-ungrateful Urcata public. And you may as well forget the Giants tickets, because he’s already given them away to an undisclosed newspaper columnist.

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Delvin Scorchner

Well-known community asshole Delvin Scorchner passed away Sunday following a painful, lingering illness which brought delight to many who knew him. The odious dickhead and incessant civic annoyance was known and almost universally disliked by townsfolk.

As he shambled aimlessly about the streets, latching onto others like a barnacle with his unique cocktail of neediness, disrespect of personal space, verbal aggression and halitosis, most knew to cross the street rather than risk some kind of encounter.

Downtown merchants knew Scorchner for his ceaseless requests for free samples and “tastes,” which were often granted by exasperated businesspeople in hopes of speeding his departure from the shop.

A loud talker, Scorchner’s uniquely piercing, whiney/screechy/raspy voice could be heard blocks away, usually giving wary downtowners ample notice to clear the area. But not always. More than one resident who failed to swerve away, duck down an alley or dive behind a bush found themselves locked onto by the notorious energy-sucking parasite.

“He started talking about his teeth problems, then he pulled a wad of used dental floss out of his tunic and started waving it at me,” remembers one involuntary acquaintance. Others remember him for his hit-and-miss hygiene, trademark dank aroma and dressed-in-the-dark couture.

While the constant jabbering annoyance was occasionally relieved by periods of sulking and self-pity, Scorchner – who had a loud opinion on absolutely everything – consistently turned up at public meetings to offer sour testimony mixing personal critiques with ill-founded rants about public affairs. His self-centered harangues invariably dwelt on contrived tales of oppression and victimization at the hands of authorities, whose names he invariably garbled.

Known and loathed by all who strayed within range of his depressing, anxiety-riddled sphere of influence, Scorchner leaves behind a newly energized family free of any obligation to tolerate his crap any more.

Scorchner is survived by his long-suffering, now gleeful wife and long-estranged daughter. “Now I can LIVE MY DAMN LIFE AGAIN,” exclaimed wife Glaherntra. “Say it again,” demanded daughter Mabel on being told of her dad’s demise. The news was repeated, after which Mabel exulted, “Now *sing it* for me!”

No memorial is planned, but the City Council is set to approve a resolution commemorating the life, but particularly the demise of Scorchner at its next meeting. Meanwhile, Arcata Main Street is organizing a spring “Dead Delvin Days” to alert shoppers that it’s safe to come downtown again without having to deal with that pernicious freakshow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donors enjoy a nice dinner out, take polka lessons, build a ship in a bottle, organize their junk drawer... anything but waste as much as a nanosecond mourning their regrettable carbon-based unit.



Delvin Scorchner



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Native plant restoration begins in McKinleyville

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McKINLEYVILLE, APRIL 1 – Much was lost in the development of modern day McKinleyville. Trees were cut and swamps were drained. The earth was sliced, diced a divvied up in subdivisions.

Amongst the victims of McKinleyville’s growth was a small plant that residents deemed a nuisance – poison oak.

But now, thanks to two separate grants totalling \$4.8 million, the town is ready to launch the Native Poison Oak Restoration Project. The goal is to restore thousands of acres of poison oak, bringing the town closer to its natural state.

Last week, a crew from the McKinleyville Community Services

District was working side-by-side with McKinleyville Little League volunteers to plant poison oak at the Hiller Sports Complex.

Vines were planted along all the fence lines. “They’re small now, but by the end of the season there will be a thick hedge of poison oak ringing the fields,” said Coach Archie Itzch. “It will be beautiful.”

Children, particularly the unvaccinated ones, will be encouraged to interact with the plant.

“It offers many teaching modalities,” Itzch said.

Although the oil from the plant may cause discomfort for some, Mrs Dingbt Fikturd said the plant is 100 percent natural, as are the complications from interacting with it.

Lifestyle coach’s inner dialogue brings clarity

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TRINIDAD, APRIL 1 – Acclaimed lifestyle coach and civic bon vivant Oscar Alidociuos is going through the motions of his usual peppy, positive, you-can-do-it spiel to a client while silently mustering the will to endure the next few hours until quitting time, when he can go home and get hammered.

“The key to healing is empowerment,” Alidociuos, with a beaming smile, just told client Blarverine Sunderton. “Once you push through the negativity, that life-work balance just snaps into place!”

As he spoke, Alidociuos weighed the relative merits of strength versus volume in terms of the beer he’d be picking up at the Liquor Still on the way home. Micro-brew is pricey and potent, but too tasty to just guzzle. A twelver of PBR would also get the job done, but of course he’d be peeing all night.

"Breathe mindfully, be present and be aware," he told Sunderton as he figured he might as well go for it and get both grades of brew, with the weekend coming up. "Centering is a process, and a journey."



Oscar Alidociuos



HI-RISE PILE-UP Looming ominously, if ineffectually.

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Arcata-bound convoy of 8-story buildings stalled on U.S. 101 outside Fields Landing

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FIELDS LANDING, APRIL 1 – Emboldened by the pending Gateway Area Plan and its housing tower-friendly building standards, a convoy of 8-story buildings is ponderously lurching its way toward Arcata.

Or was. The motely agglomeration of energy efficient, sustainably sourced, LEED Platinum high-rises has ground to a halt 15 miles outside of town, dumped unceremoniously by their towing vehicles.

The truckers fled back down the highway following an onslaught of dissuasion by plucky Arcatans who’d

made a rare foray outside the town’s comforting alternate-reality bubble to stave off the infernal towers.

“They never knew what hit ’em,” said Oleo Caulploper, lead persuasion-ist with the All-Arcata Gateway A-Go-Go Dance Troupe and Civic Propriety Patrol (AAGAGGDTCP). “First we sent in the Ragging Grannies to serenade them and shatter the glass in their truck cabs,” Caulploper said. “That opened

them up to public commenters we trucked in from a City Council meeting, who pulverized their brains with preachy diatribes.”

“It was like a one-two punch,” said the professional persuasionist.

As the building transporters were reeling from the immersion in always-intoxicating Arcata rhetoric, a special forced unit of the AGAGGDTCP applied a thick mantle of hummus and hash oil to

the roadway ahead of them, dooming any advance to semi-permanent miring.

As their resolve to continue toward Arcata faltered along with their will to live, a final blast of aerosolized patchouli oil was deployed, engulfing the trucks and dissolving any remaining resistance.

With that, they roared away southbound as AGAGGDTCP troops danced en masse to the “Ministerial Approval Rag.”

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Disclaimer: Everything in this ad is a joke for April Fools' Day. Properties are not actually for sale. Neither is Jeff Bridges.



WALL OF WATER Workers fill a new channel around Arcata City Hall with water, creating a moat to discourage all but the most determined citizens from pestering the personnel, recent research having determined that the crankier fusspot types are hydrophobic. A small drawbridge will be installed near the main entrance, with citizens able to enter for just a small service charge. Vaccinated Arcata residents will be able to swipe a chip reader with their hand rather than fuss with coins. KLH | UNION

Parents confess: kid looks kind of cool smoking

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MAD RIVER UNION
MCKINLEYVILLE, APRIL 1 – Bob and Emma Goldenpants have have high expectations for their three children. They are to excel in school, maintain good grades, practice healthy habits and stay clear or drugs and alcohol. And the kiddos, for the most part, have lived up to those expectations, to the delight of their parents.
But the Goldenpantses are considering relaxing the rules after they spotted Lil’ Billy, age 17, smoking a cigarette outside Starbucks last Thursday.
The parents just happened to be driving by, when Lil Billy, unaware of their presence, pulled out a Marlboro, lit it and started puffing away.

“A was aghast when I saw him with streams of smoking coming out of his nostrils,” said Mrs. Goldenpants. “But before I could get angry, I noticed how cool he looked in his shades and skinny jeans, with the dangling cig. My kid, a Calvins model!”
“He kind of had a bad boy James Dean look about him,” said Bob. “It was like his middle name could be ‘Danger’.”
At risk of making it seem uncool, the parents are considering starting a “Smart Smoking” Facebook page to end shaming of teen smokers.
“You can belittle it by calling it ‘mommy wisdom,’” Emma said. “But I’m not letting so-called ‘health authorities’ take away my teenager’s body sovereignty.”

Online hit parlayed into lucrative future of fame and fortune

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BAYSIDE, APRIL 1 – A well-received post on the popular Reddit website has its author looking to build on his newfound fame.
Milton Unguent had no idea his life was about to change when he uploaded a picture of his kitty, Miss Grumpsy, sitting on the still-warm cardboard box his Mediterranean pizza came in.
Posted to the subreddit titled “Cats on Pizza,” the photo of Miss Grumpsy, her haunches securely planted on the cardboard container during an epic yawn, received 19 upvotes the first hour it was up.
By the end of the night, an astonishing 37 Reddit users had given the picture their nod of uber-hip approval.
Unguent was aghast. “Thirty-seven people! That’s more than went to the moon! What have I set off here?”
An entrepreneur by nature, Unguent knows when to strike while the iron is hot, and is putting big plans into motion.
First, he placed a classified ad in the *Senior News* announcing that he is accepting film studio offers to produce a biopic on his life story, the working title of which is *The Way of the Unguent*.
Once he selects from



CLAIM TO FAME Miss Grumpsy rules the pizza box. PHOTO VIA MILTON UNGUENT

among the expected flood of offers, he plans to leverage that for late-night TV appearances.
Beyond that, there are limitless possibilities: commercial endorsements, speaking tours, action figures, bobbleheads, cookbooks, even...

Broadway?
“A break like this only comes along once, but come along it did,” Unguent boasted, vigorously jingling the change in his pocket. “If I play my cards right – and I am! – I’m gonna be on easy street.”

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she had made early in the process – logging in Kohl’s Cash as actual revenue.
In the end, though, she got it worked out. She plans to vacation in Red Bluff and take in the sights before getting to work on reconciling her checkbook through 2021, then she may get around to completing the county’s much-loved Single Audit Report.
Asked about the delays, Paz Dominguez assured the community that it was everyone’s fault but hers.
The announcement brought praise from the Humboldt County Taxpayer’s League, which crankily dissents from basic precepts of good bookkeeping.
“Numbers shlumbers,” declared Taxpayer League President Corey Knuckles. “Financial ledgers are a form of tyranny. I don’t care for that top-down accounting. Be free and dance outside the lines.”

New service frees busy jerks of nature besmirchal tasks

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA, APRIL 1 – A new resource is available for the conscience-less slobs who’ve made it their mission to carry high concentrations of garbage and debris into natural areas and leave it there for others to clean up.
Funded by an American Rescue Plan grant administered through the Bureau of Wesights and Measures, the service uses skilled specialists to strew rotting food, non-biogradable waste and an assortment of biohazards and pollutants in local forests and wetlands.
“The Crap-Up Corps is here to make things easier all around,” said Wilberforce Limbicile, field supervisor. “Just leave your unwanted effluvium at one of our drop-off sites, and we’ll truck it right into the woods.”
After carefully arranging the discards into a the kind of dank hellhole common-



DROPOFF STATION Crap-Up Corpsmen consolidate dumpage for distribution in the nearby forest. VIA CRAP-UP CORPS
ly encountered in near-urban wildlands, the strewage is sprayed with mildew sauce and allowed to fester for a few days. At this stage, the PacOut Green Team or the Arcata High Biology class is called in to clean out the area, with assistance from

the Crap-Up Corps.
“This way, the uncaring sleazeballs who constantly screw up the landscape can go about their other duties – shoplifting, vandalizing public property, breaking into cars, that sort of thing,” Limbicile said. “I’m not here to judge.”
If none of this makes sense, it will soon, as Limbicile has a genius move up his sleeve.
At some point, once the forest despoilers are in the habit of leaving their leavings with the Crap-Up Corps, Limbicile plans to skip the strewing stage and take the garbage straight to the Waste Transfer Station.
“How d’ya like me now?” Limbicile gloated, highly pleased with himself.
Unfortunately, one of the service’s users got wind of the scheme and has filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, citing “A clear case of bait-and-switch by the Crap-Up Corps.”

❖ AS IT HAPPENS, NO Are you ready to rock?

Charstow Zabtamber
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Multi-colored laser lights pulsed and swept across the stage, illuminating the machine-generated smoke as the crowd roared and local band Finger Bucket charged on to the stage last week during what was supposed to be the first act of the first annual Heavy Metal Festival at the Arcata Ball Park.

Lead singer Slick Slothy, clad in black leather, pumped his fist in the air and yelled at the throng that stood before him, “Are you ready to rock?”

For added emphasis, he stuck out his tongue, pointed to the crowd, and again bellowed, in a throaty baritone drawl, “Are you ready to rock and roll?”

Unexpectedly, a man in the front row answered him.
“Actually, I’m feeling low energy this evening and would really prefer to soak in a tub and enjoy some chamomile tea, maybe finish a book. So, no, thanks for asking, I’m *not* particularly inclined to rock at the moment,” Terry O’Leary informed the rocker.
Slothy was nonplussed by the answer, but took it in stride.
“Well then, that’s why we always come out here and ask ‘are you ready to rock?’ If you are not

ready to rock, we understand,” he said, his bandmates nodding along as they began to pack up their instruments.

“We’ll try again later, maybe next week,” Slothy told the crowd. “*Rock and rollllll!*”

The band walked off stage and concert attendees were by and large relieved that they could go home, do a DoorDash and pleasure themselves while watching



Slick Slothy

Lou Dobbs Tonight.
Festival organizers said that the event will be rescheduled for a date yet to be determined, but preferably on a night when everyone in Arcata is ready to rock, and should they see fit, roll.

The concert call-off was good news to unemployed astral projectionist Delbert Flimbidor.

On spreading out his blanket on the ball park lawn, he’d suddenly realized that he’d parked his car with that... *thing* in the trunk right next to the police station, where the K-9 officer comes and goes all the time.

While projecting an air of mild dismay at not getting to see the show, Flimbidor was greatly relieved to get back to his car.

“OK, let’s pack ‘er up,” he said to his family, glancing nervously in the direction of APD. “C’mon,

OPINION

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Enough is enough

It's high time we stop beating around the bush, leave no stone unturned, take the bull by the horns and open a can of worms.

While Humboldters are generally fit as a fiddle, the devil is in the details – we may have put all our eggs in one basket and gotten caught red-handed.

We can burn the candle at both ends until the cows come home, but we've got to level the playing field come hell or high water.

While beggars can't be choosers, at this point we've been driven up the wall and are champing at the bit to let off some steam.

While some loose cannons with a bee in their bonnet advocate that we don't rock the boat but just cross that bridge when we come to it, we mustn't be scared of our own shadow.

Instead, to add insult to injury, we must either avoid it like the plague or bite the bullet and

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nip it in the bud.

Having bent over backwards, we find ourselves for all intents and purposes bent out of shape from barking up the wrong tree.

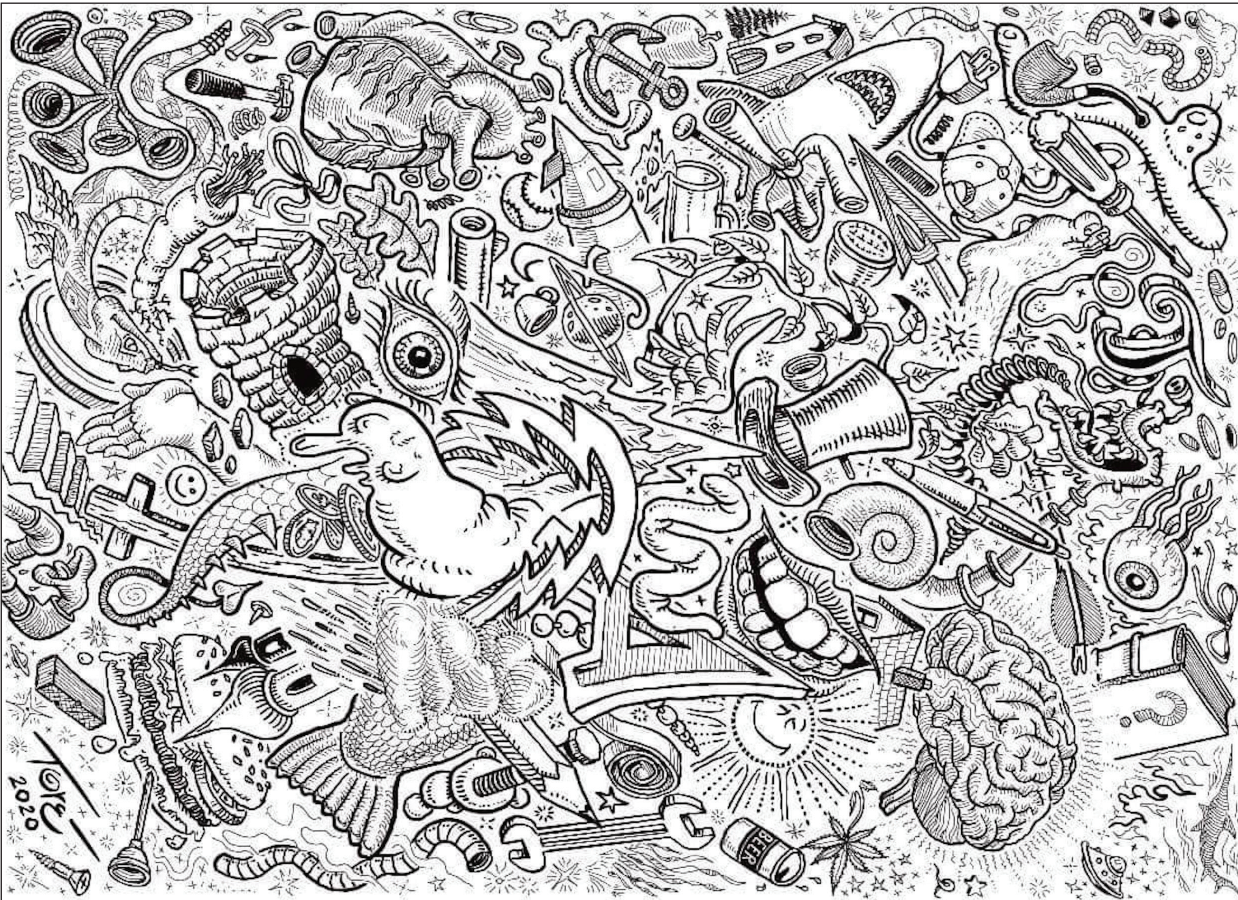
While this trial by fire has us down in the dumps, unless our bark is worse than our bite, we must work like a dog to go the whole nine yards, which is nothing to sneeze at.

At the end of the day, we have an ace up our sleeve and remain a tough-as-nails force to be reckoned with, but that's neither here nor there.

Since there's no use crying over spilt milk, it's back to the drawing board.

It goes without saying that when push comes to shove, we remain a force to be reckoned with and can knock it out of the park.

One thing is certain: time will tell.



News Item: New task force proposes simple solution to chronic problem.

Newly released texts disclose shocking details of a roommate store run

It's on my way
I'm headed down to the store. Need anything?
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

Thanks for asking
Yeah, totally. Can you pick me up a bag of marshmallows?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Got ya covered
Haha, no prob. I'm not judging :)
Back in a bit.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

Oh wait, one more thing
I forgot, I need a box of Kleenex. Oh, and I saw where dill pickles are on sale, so yeah.
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

P.S. I got a hankering for yogurt. Can you grab me a few cups? The Madagascar cinnamon kind. If they don't have that, the lemon flavor. Thanks.

It's on my way
Yeah, but I know I'll forget something. Can you write all that down?
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

LETTERS
This would be easier
How about I just text you?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Perfect, see ya soon
That works.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

Ooh! One more thing
I'm down to 600 Q-Tips. Can you pick me up a couple of packs? Thanks.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

I'm back
Here's your stuff. Just leave \$8 on the kitchen counter when you get a chance.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

Wait... is this everything?
Thanks... wait, where's the Q-Tips?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Huh?
Q-Tips? What Q-Tips?
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

You had mail
I sent you another text message after you left. Didn't you see it?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Didn't check the texts
Oh, no, sorry, I didn't. I left my phone in the car.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

Next question
Oh, OK.
But wait, how did you remember the rest of the stuff?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Fit to print
Easy! I just grabbed a copy of the *Union* off the newspaper rack by the checkstand and looked at the Letters section. See above.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

That makes... sense
Whoa... they must have gone to press before I sent the Q-tip text.
Dude, this meta shit is really messing with my concepts of space and time.
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Whatevs
Enough of this small talk. I got some Jell-O – bust out those pickles and marshmallows and we'll do us some damn gel cookery – I'll bring the molds!
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

That's a hard pass
Uhhh... thanks? But how exactly do you cook anything without Q-Tips?
I think I'll whip up some of Kirsten's jackalope stew instead. They say it tastes like chicken.
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Tips for success
Great. Then you can go pick up your precious Q-Tips afterward.
Blamph Scrimble Arcata

'Lope bloat
Thanks, but I probably won't. I'll be in a jacka-coma.
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

Where's the beef?
Oh god... I can't believe I ate the whole thing. Do I have fur in my teeth?
Drelb Nimvort Arcata

In another time and place, they knew how to deal with bothersome newspaper editors

Note: the following is excerpted from South American Sketches, an 1898 book by Robert Crawford. The story told herein was a front page article in the June 17, 1899 Arcata Union. –Ed.

Pen versus sword
“The pen is mightier than the sword,” says the enthusiastic journalist giving publicity to a popular proverb that is a product of the northern hemisphere, not, for so far, as well acclimatized in South America as the friends of that continent could desire.

For example, what would the unfortunate newspaper editor have to say about it while smarting from the 309 lashes administered to him by order of an irate colonel who is conduct he had been rash enough to criticize in his paper?

It is true the military gentleman, when asked by the civil power for an explanation of the circumstance, excused himself on the plea that it was all a mistake of orders on the part of the sergeant to whom he had issued them.

Whether the port editor found the explanation entirely satisfactory does not appear, but I think he must have acknowledged to himself that in his case at all events the proverb did not hold good.

There is something curious in the number of the lashes too; why the extra nine? Perhaps the kernel had some superstitious belief in the luck that works in odd numbers, following the example of our old friend Rory O'More in the song.

The editorial experience, however, did not happen in Uruguay, but much farther north where the temperature,

the temper, politics and things generally are much warmer than in the River Plate.

It is not so very long ago, if report is true if report be true, that other curious methods were adopted in South America for dealing with refractory editors.

One of this class, having given offense to those in power by the freedom of his criticisms, was arrested and confined in the narrow passage between the cages of two jaguars notorious for their bad tempers, coupled with an intense dislike for the society of men.

The intervening space was so regulated that neither of the process animals could get its paws quite so far as the middle line between the cages, so that a spare active person is very careful to follow the classical advice, in *medio tutissimus ibis*, might manage to pass without receiving any injury, though the achievement would be both exciting and dangerous.

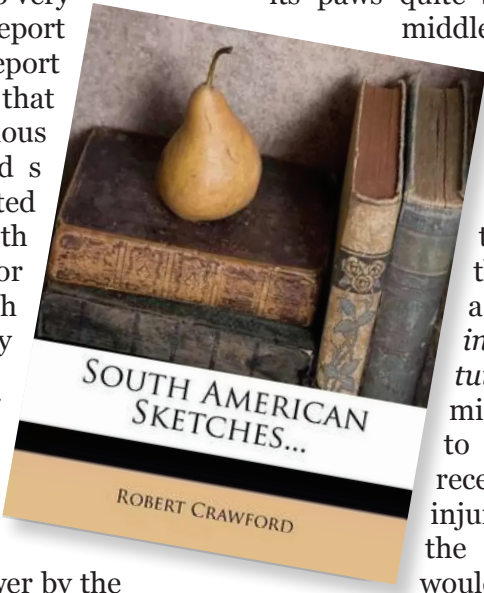
But what made the matter still more cruel in this particular case was that the unfortunate editor happened to be very stout, and therefore

the more easily reached by the occupants of the cage.

Adding insult to injury, he was handed a chair on which to sit, and furnished at the same time with a copy of his own paper, that had brought him into trouble, in order that he might read and meditate upon its contents during his exciting imprisonment.

People, jesting about the matter afterwards, which seemed very heartless, said the tailor had a rare job repairing the editors torn clothes when he got out.

It is probable that this is one of the stories that require to be seasoned with many grains of salt, although an old soldier assured me that went on guard where the wild animals were kept, he had frequently seen opponents of the government of the day meet with a worse fate than that which befell the stout editor.



Lope-Along Cassidy: one spiky, surly, hard-drinking and hard-to-get-along-with critter

People like to ask “what is the most unusual pet you have seen at the shelter?” I think the answer would have to be Cassidy, our current resident Jackalope.

Cassidy must have hitched a ride in with someone coming from Wyoming – maybe he snuck into the back of a truck for a nap and wound up in Humboldt County!

Cassidy is still making his way to the adoptable wing of the shelter. The staff haven’t quite figured out yet what to do about those big horns of his. When he’s in a good mood they’re fine, but if he’s feeling a little grumpy, watch out!

There hasn’t been a need for temperament testing for antler-handling before so this is a bit of a work in progress.

The perfect home for Cassidy would have a large yard with lots of room to hop around. He would probably do best as the only animal in the home because of, you know, those horns.

Cassidy isn’t much of a cuddler, but he could be a good drinking companion.

Jackalopes reportedly have a fondness for whiskey so a home with a nice built-in bar would be a plus.

Jackalopes reportedly can also imitate the human voice so his new owner will want to remember that if they have visitors who might be offended by any phrases Cassidy might pick up.

If you are a loner who drinks and lives out in the country, Cassidy could be the pet for you! Please contact us at jackalopesRus@mythicalcreatures.com for more information. Cassidy is one of a kind so don’t wait too long!



Mara with Cassidy.



❖ 'LOPETOWN Mara Segal



GROOVY Merilee Moogly at the Wowie Zowie sales counter, SLARB MEFUTINE | UNION

New retro head shop opens on Plaza

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MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA, APRIL 1 – If you’re a stoner of a certain age who’s intimidated by today’s cannabis dispensaries and their baffling array of hi-tech weed devices and derivatives, chillax. Now you can shop for herbage in a setting more suitable for those who miss things like cassette tapes, drive-in movies and typewriters.

Wowie Zowie, the new near-Plaza cannabis – oh sorry, *marijuana* – dispensary, is an immersive experience. Or super-trippy, as proprietor Merilee Moogly calls it. She’s only the latest flower child in her family, having descended from some of the original Haight-Ashbury pathfinders.

To enter Wowie Zowie is to traipse back through the decades and directly into the Summer of Love. Psychedelic posters abound, with vintage hippies staring down through rose-colored eyeballs. Dazzling arrays of incense and roach clips await, though the rolling paper selection is limited to Zig-Zags.

Clothing offerings include the latest (as in, the

last) Carnaby Street fashions, from from day-glo headbands to paisley bell bottoms, with patent leather white boots for the ladies.

But the key attraction is the marijuana, or “grass,” as Moogly calls it. Far from the inscrutable metric weights that make buying at most pot shops an odyssey into nine-dimensional chess, Wowie Zowie carries good old-fashioned lids – sandwich bags of pot in two-, three- and four-finger sizes.

And all the popular varieties are stocked – Acapulco Gold, ‘Lumbo, Sinsemilla, Panama Red, even Thai Stick. “That’ll really get you loaded,” Moogly assures.

Edibles – dubbed “munchies” – also strike a mod theme, with infused carob balls and oat bran treats.

What the shop lacks in CBDs, it makes up for in pseudo-psychoactives. Hash-like lettuce opium lets you spark up and fit in with the most stylish stoners, without the paranoia-inducing buzz.

As an outgoing customer scoops up his vial of lettuce opium and heads out, Moogly deploys her pert smile and bids him adieu. “Enjoy,” she says.



'LOPE TROVE

CIRCUS EMPORIUM ODDITORIUM Visit Jacoby’s Storehouse on the Arcata Plaza Friday, April 1 to see the Circus Emporium Odditorium, a temporary exhibit in the Railroad Museum on the Plaza level. See a rare specimen of a jackrabbit that has adapted to grow horns. See domesticated squirrels that have learned knitting and ballet. Also on display is the Feegee mermaid, half monkey, half fish. See evidence of Bigfoot’s existence. The Storehouse will be offering free elevator rides all day long. JACK DURHAM | UNION

Jackalope Stew – experience the gaminess



❖ KIRSTEN'S KITCHEN Kirsten Lindquist

If you have ever eaten rabbit stew then you will love jackalope stew. While most rabbits that end up on your table are raised for that purpose, jackalope is wild and with its relation to deer, has that reliably gamey flavor that some of us adore.

If you are fortunate to find someone who hunts to bring you a skinned and dressed jackalope, make this stew for them in gratitude. Maybe they will continue to gift you with such rare finds!



A CRUSTY VARIATION Jackalope Stew with a flaky crust is a popular tradition around Crannell and the intersection of Railroad Avenue and H Street in Blue Lake, where the dish is, for some reason, known as “Steamed Jackalope.”

PHOTO FROM “CRANNELL CUISINE”

In keeping with the wild sourcing idea, I like to add wild foraged mushrooms along with onions and celery to make this stew.

Jackalope Stew
Serves 6-8

- 1 jackalope, skinned and dressed; cut into chunks
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 stalk celery, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb wild mushrooms, cut into bite size pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- Large sprig fresh thyme
- Salt/ Pepper

Heat a large heavy bottom pot or dutch oven over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes. Add enough oil to cover the bottom and place the pieces of jackalope in the pot, searing each side for 3 to 4 minutes; don’t crowd the pot, it may take several

batches to sear the meat, set it aside. Return pot to heat and add another 2 tablespoons olive oil and cook onions, garlic and celery until soft, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook 3 to 4 minutes until they begin to give up their juices. Add seared meat back to the pot along with the stock, tomatoes and thyme, and add salt and pepper. Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook 60 to 90 minutes, until meat is tender. Taste for salt and serve over mashed potatoes.



SAM I AM McKinleyville icon Dennis Mayo reports having nearly completed his transformation into his “spirit animal,” Yosemite Sam.

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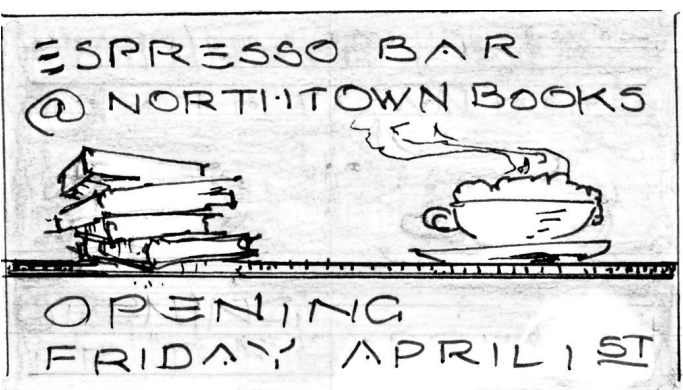


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IN MEMORIAM An Arcata Plaza memorial statue was recently installed to celebrate the life of Space Duck, who waddled on to the Great Quackator in the Sky. Comments can be directed to David Kelley Woodworking at (707) 616-0534. dkcustomdesign.com





Ballot initiative seeks new cannabis reforms

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A drive to reform county cannabis permitting is underway and calls for more restrictive rules.

The Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative is gathering signatures to qualify a ballot measure for the November election.

Cannabis permitting is being increasingly scrutinized of late, with water use, road-related impacts and cultivation area size under debate.

According to its website, the initiative would “reduce cannabis cultivation footprint and foster small-scale, environmentally-minded cannabis cultivation.”

It’s proposed to be done through an amendment to the county’s General Plan, adding a section with new rules on new and expanded cannabis permitting.

One of the most significant among them is a 10,000 square-foot growing area limit on new can-

nabis cultivation permits. Cannabis farmers have said that farms of less than 10,000 square feet aren’t commercially viable in the post-legalization market.

The initiative also targets the county’s caps on cannabis permits in watersheds.

The county’s commercial cannabis ordinance sets total cultivation limits in each of 12 watersheds. The total land use amount allowed is 1,205 acres and the county is far below that limit now.

The text of the proposed initiative eyes the future and describes the total cap as being too permissive to be environmentally protective.

It notes that if reached, the total acreage limit would be triple of what’s been approved as of November 2021.

The initiative seeks capping of new permits “at slightly above the current number of permits and total permitted acreage of cultivation.”

Other provisions include requiring engineering reports to confirm road standards, limiting lighting to full sun and low wattage artificial lights only on smaller grows,

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

WELCOME TO ARCATA equity arcata, Cal Poly Humboldt, the Humboldt Area Foundation and the City of Arcata welcomed students from Cal Poly Humboldt, College of the Redwoods and Dell’Arte International to pick up free meals and household supplies Sunday afternoon at the D Street Neighborhood Center. Businesses and the community donated non-perishable items to welcome students and to let them know that they are valuable members of the community. Turkey pesto, spicy chicken and veggie sandwiches were prepared by Roman’s Kitchen. Home Away From Home had prepared 150 “Free Stuff” bags, and all were gone in about 1/2 hour. The next event is scheduled for May 8.

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New process, more staff boosts code enforcement

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Thanks to a streamlined process for hiring contractors, the county’s number of code enforcement clean-ups exponentially increased in 2021.

Further progress is expected this year, as two new Code Enforcement Unit members were hired at the end of 2021, bringing the county’s number of code enforcers to 10.

Code Enforcement Manager Karen Maynell detailed the county’s busy year of enforcement during a March 22 annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

The addition of staff allowed the unit to process code enforcement cases more efficiently. Assembling a group of eight pre-qualified contractors for clean-up work also helped and the county was able to close 616 code enforcement cases in 2021.

It opened 425 cases. Sixty-eight of them were determined to be based on unfounded complaints and 147 were closed during the year.

Maynell said that 2021 is the first year ever that the county closed more code enforcement cases than it opened. She profiled four abatements, including the Green Valley Motel in Orick, which had “flagrant substandard housing conditions,” she said.

The abatement work included relocated the hotel’s tenants, removing solid waste and fumigating the place “to prevent the cockroaches, bedbugs and rats from entering the community when the building will be demolished.”

2021 also included 200 cannabis-related code enforcement cases and the county’s actions got criticized during a public comment period.

“The whole premise of criminalizing people who couldn’t get through compliance was doomed from the start,” said Nicole Norris, who said she’s worked with at least 100 “victims” of county cannabis code enforcement. “It really feels more like the county’s criminalizing their constituents for their own failings and that farmers were set up to fail.”

Another commenter said people are paranoid about drawing code enforcement attention by having green-

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PLAZA DRAMA A man was arrested after a fight on the Plaza March 16. Another Plazagoer was nipped in the face by a loose service dog during the melee. PHOTO BY TERRY FINIGAN | UNION

Arcata crime mostly declining, says Chief

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata’s crime trends are generally positive this year, Police Chief Brian Ahearn said during his “Dashboard Report” at last week’s Public Safety Committee meeting.

Through February, violent crime is down 13 percent over last year. Assaults are down 21 percent, but rapes increased 50

percent, from two to three.

Property crime is down 23 percent overall, though auto thefts vaulted from 16 to 30, an 88 percent rise.

Traffic collisions are seeing a 150 percent increase, with 13 injury crashes including three fatalities.

Top locations for calls for service are the Uniontown and Valley West shopping centers, and the Plaza.

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BIRD WATCHING DURING BREEDING SEASON Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ken Burton at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. We are likely to see some shorebirds in breeding plumage as they pass through en route to their breeding grounds. The breeding season will also be in full swing for many terrestrial species, including warblers, hummingbirds, and chickadees, so it's a great time to observe territorial disputes, courtship displays, and nest-building and hear them singing. Bring your binoculars and plan on walking about two miles. Please let us know you plan to attend. Contact Ralph Bucher at thebook@reninet.com.



WOMEN & GIRLS WALK Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided Women and Girls Birding Walk on Saturday, April 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. Join Trip leader Janelle Chojnacki at the King Salmon waterfront. We hope to see a good variety of shorebirds, ducks, grebes, and loons, as well as grassland sparrows and raptors. This walk will be a slow birding adventure

on some beach sand and well-trodden trails. For reservations and meeting location, contact Janelle at janelle.choj@gmail.com.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, April 2. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on marsh ecology. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

TRINIDAD WORK-DAY The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust third Work Day of the season will be at Luffenholtz Point and Houda Point on Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Due to erosion from winter storms, the trails to the beaches need repair so that community members can continue to safely access these beautiful places, all summer long! On Friday, April 22, we will have a special Earth Day Sunset Stewardship event, co-hosted with Mother Earth Engineering, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. near Little River! And lastly, our final spring Stewardship Work Day will be May 7 at Baker Beach, where we will follow-up our March project by repairing steps to the beach. Email zoe@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org or call (707)677-2501 to sign up.

❖ RAIN WEEK DATE	INCHES OF RAIN	SINCE OCT. 1	LAST YEAR	NOR-MAL
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Monday, March 21	.00	17.95	22.14	31.61
Tuesday, March 22	.00	17.95	22.15	31.79
Wednesday, March 23	.00	17.96	22.14	31.97
Thursday, March 24	T	17.96	22.27	32.15
Friday, March 25	.00	17.96	22.27	32.33
Saturday, March 26	.00	17.96	22.27	32.51

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CROSSWORD

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- So. state
- Recipe verb
- Clutter
- All ____; from the start
- Open for discussion
- Woody's son
- Time-honored maxim
- Property
- Forms a hard coating
- Fool
- Road covering
- Beast of burden
- Religious title
- Being: Lat.
- Went skyward
- Small amount
- Little child
- Sorority letter
- Big ____; semi
- Use a razor
- Santa ____, California
- Summer shoe
- Beauty shop
- Cleo's man
- 1 of 7 Deadly Sins
- Eur. language
- Sphere
- M.D.
- Orthodontist's concern
- Works hard
- Off-used ultimatum
- Level
- Pillared portico
- Lowest possible price
- Founder of the U. S. auto industry
- Uncanny sense, for short
- Mailman's beat: abbr.

DOWN

- Exclamation of woe
- Irretrievable
- Square column
- I love: Lat.
- Adore one's grandkids
- This answer's direction
- Developed
- Eagle varieties
- Opening
- Winos
- Great reverence
- Achieves
- Strategic method
- ____ at hand; within reach
- Gunowners' org.
- Patrick, to Ireland
- Scene of action
- Word with system or energy
- Fast jet, for short
- Bear
- Put into sacks
- Old
- Dwell on with delight
- Home for 34 Down
- Man #1
- Have a bite
- Curvy character
- No beauty queen
- Carmelites' wear
- Center removers
- Garden bloom
- Baseball stat.
- Show approval
- King of Germany (936-973)
- Colorado ski resort
- ____ out a living; got by
- Carryall
- Love deity
- State with conviction
- Air passage
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- Animal enclosure
- Waist to the knees, when you're sitting

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OBITUARY

Jo Evelyn Taylor Miller
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It saddens our hearts to announce the passing of our wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Jo Evelyn Taylor was born in Louisiana and at the age of 9 her family moved to Humboldt County where they resided in Samoa.

Her parents were Allen and Dovie Taylor. Jo Evelyn was the oldest of seven children. Jo Evelyn met the love of her life and at the age of 17 and married Ralph Irving Miller. They were married for over 76 years until his passing in May 2021.

Jo Evelyn was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, holding several positions. She was employed by Dr. Ralph Davis as his dental assistant for 14 years. She

then worked for Keith Sturges in his Orthopedic practice for several years. She always enjoyed her employers

and interaction with the patients.

She is survived by her son Jerry (Patti), daughter Dolores Estes (John), Her grandchildren Rick Estes, Leann Estes, Melanie Laporte and Brandon Miller. She also leaves behind six great-grandchildren. She has also survived by her brother James Taylor and sister LaVonne Jones. Her ashes along with Ralph's will be scattered at sea at a later date with the family celebrating, LIVES WELL LIVED. We were blessed to have the parents, and grandparents that we had.

We would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Hospice for all of the wonderful help and support they gave to us with both Ralph and Jo Evelyn Miller. We can never THANK YOU enough.

Camping Gear 101 Workshop set for Saturday

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES
MANILA – Calling all nature newbies! Friends of the Dunes is hosting a Camping Gear 101 Workshop designed for the camping curious on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila.

If you are interested in enjoying nature overnight but aren't sure where to start, this workshop is for you. Our friendly and experienced volunteers will introduce a range of camping tips and gear from car camping essentials to backpacking basics.

Participants will gain an

understanding of camping fundamentals, learn about the tools needed for an enjoyable camping trip, and compete in fun challenges to win prizes!

Workshop topics will include:

Camping Comforts: There are many ways to rest and sleep outside comfortably; this station will cover how to set up a perfect-for-you campsite. Participants will learn about tents, comfortable sleeping arrangements, chairs, outdoor lighting, and more.

Camp Cooking: Cooking outdoors is an acquired skill; this station will cover some tips and tricks to get you started. Learn about different camp stoves and how to operate them, plan-

ning a camp menu, and how to avoid overpacking. Participants will leave with a list of quick and easy camping recipes.

Campfires & Fire Safety: Everyone enjoys a good campfire under the stars; this station will cover how to build and manage a safe campfire including how to acquire permits and check for fire restrictions.

Leave No Trace: Whether you are enjoying nature at an established campground or deep in the backcountry, it's important to protect these natural areas by practicing Leave No Trace ethics. This station will cover tips and tricks for respectfully enjoying the outdoors while leaving it just as we

found it.

Backpacking Basics: Carrying all your gear on your back is not for everyone. But for those interested, this optional station will cover lightweight gear, packing only what you need, water filtration systems, and much more!

Camp themed snacks will be provided and participants will receive a coupon for the Get Outside Gear Sale taking place on April 9. Participants will rotate through each station and have time to ask clarifying questions to our camping experts.

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VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS Saturday's VTS workday on the Bay Trail North attracted 30 volunteers, including members of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority at Cal Poly Humboldt, Martha and her grandson Oliver (who insisted on pulling the old tire out of Gannon Slough), and George Nickerson on the riding mower. The riding mower was a donation from a community member, [humtrails.org](#)

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VTS TACKLES BAY TRAIL NORTH



VALLEY WEST CLEANUP TIME

CAPABLE CREW A March 20 Carlson Park Cleanup sponsored by CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata) in partnership with the City of Arcata saw 14 people including seven new community members (three from Lazy J Ranch and one from Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, plus three others from the broader community. PHOTOS VIA KIMBERLEY WHITE | VALLEY WEST

CITY OF ARCATA

VALLEY WEST – The City of Arcata's next Clean the Sidewalk Day in the Valley West neighborhood is taking place on Sunday, April 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers of all ages are invited to attend, and work will include picking up non-hazardous items left behind in the neighborhood's public spaces.

Those who wish to participate are asked to check in at the entrance of Valley West Park, located on Hallen Drive, at 9 a.m.

Trash pickers, safety vests, gloves and buckets will be provided, and community members who have their own clean up supplies are encouraged to bring them.

Participants should bring their own water, a face covering, and dress for the weather. Volunteers will also be expected to sign a volunteer agreement and a COVID-19 liability waiver.

Valley West Clean the Sidewalk Days take place the first Sunday of each month. please visit [cityofarcata.org](#), [gmartin@cityofarcata.org](#).

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Arcata Planco OKs new dispensary, GAP meetings

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Arcata Planning Commission last week approved a Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for Humboldt Premium at 460 I St., the location of the former V&N Burger Bar. Approval allows applicant to pursue City of Arcata Commercial Cannabis Permit and state retail and delivery cannabis licenses.

According to a staff report, the project includes minor interior and exterior improvements to create a retail sale, office, and secure storage areas. A proposed mural depicting local natural scenes will partially wrap the building's west and south walls. Minor exterior alterations are proposed. No cannabis cultivation or sale of live plants will occur.

New accessible parking and access is planned, but staff and the Planco refused a request to develop a screened outdoor consumption patio until the Arcata Municipal Code is updated to accommodate such uses.

The Planco also expressed concern about the density of cannabis dispensaries in the area, with three others located nearby. But that density wasn't a dealbreaker.

Humboldt's Premium Arcata delivery service will use a hybrid electric vehicle to serve Arcata residents and those in areas north of the Indianola Cutoff, plus the Samoa Peninsula and Blue Lake.

Gateway Area Plan (GAP)

City objections by members of the public that they haven't been sufficiently heard regarding the Gateway Area Plan (GAP), Planning Commission Chair Julie Vaisade-Elcock said the Planco will hold more hearings on the plan. "I feel like we haven't been trying hard enough to get community input, actual input" she said.

She said the GAP process could more resemble the highly inclusive General Plan process of 25 years ago.

Community Development Director David Loya said the draft plan reflects prior engagement and more data is just becoming available for discussion in the coming meetings.

Prancer and Frida love to make friends and play

We have a beautiful boy to show off this week!

Prancer is a young adult mixed breed male. His size, coat and curly tail say Akita but his cute face is definitely something else. Prancer is a fun gentle boy who the other dogs are finding quite charming!

He is an easy walk despite his larger size and is quite affectionate and attentive to his handlers. As we get to know him we are seeing his playful side come out. He is not a rowdy player but seems to enjoy exploring the play yard and if there is dog company there it's even better!

Prancer doesn't seem to be very familiar with toys but he will trot around the yard and tailor his play to the other dogs. His happy trot earned him the name Prancer!

Prancer came in with two other dogs and they didn't seem to have had the best care in their previous life. Prancer was a little shy at first but is making new human friends each day.

Redwood Pals Rescue has been working with Prancer as he learns the ropes. We are excited to see that he should be going up for adoption through the shelter after the next round of temperament tests!

Seeing a dog go from unsure to confident is very rewarding for us. We

can't wait to see who will be the lucky adopter for this boy. For more information on Prancer, please email Redwood Pals at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707)633-8842.

One of Prancer's admirers is the equally large and fluffy Frida. Frida is estimated at about a year old and may be



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal



Frida



Prancer

an Anatolian Shepherd mix.

Frida loves other dogs and found Prancer to be irresistible! Frida is a friendly girl who doesn't always remember how big she is. Volunteers are helping her to perfect her introduction skills.

Once out on a walk Frida is responsive and curious. She came to the shelter without any obvious training but she is young and eager to learn. She loves to stretch her long legs on a walk or a romp in the play yard. She is a good player and made the first moves with Prancer who was happy to reciprocate.

Frida is already in the adoptable section of the shelter. She is spayed, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. Appointments to meet Frida can be made by calling the shelter at (707) 840-9132.

Humboldt Hero Kevin Ebbert honored in ceremony

Matt Filar
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – On the last Friday of every month Scott Hammond State Farm Insurance in Eureka honors a Humboldt Hero, a veteran of the armed services who is nominated by the community.

Last Friday, March 25, it was to honor Kevin Ebbert, a serviceman from Arcata killed in action in Afghanistan on Saturday, November 24, 2012.

After the Pledge a representative from Humboldt AMVETS Chapter 96 spoke, followed by a touching tribute by Kevin's mother, Charlie Jordan, standing next to Kevin's sister Samantha Martinez. A completely refurbished truck was gifted to veteran Robert Raibley by Ross Creech of Quality Body Works, who, with several other local automobile repair business, took a wrecked vehicle and repaired or replaced everything from body work to auto glass to a bed liner.

Some information about Kevin:

Kevin Richard Ebbert was born January 23, 1980 and grew up in Arcata. As a boy he loved backpacking, rafting, drawing and the outdoors. As a young adult he played Ultimate Frisbee, loved learning, and was an avid reader and an accomplished musician. Kevin grew into a caring man who practiced his values, lived by his ideals and was committed to helping others. Kevin graduated from Arcata High School, received a bachelor's degree in music from UC Santa Cruz, and became an active-duty Navy SEAL and corpsman. He hoped to build on his training as a medic to pursue a career as a physician.

On December 31, 2011, Kevin married Ursula (Jansson) Ebbert, also from Arcata. The couple shared a love of the outdoors, purchased a first home in Virginia Beach, Va. and enjoyed many family gatherings.

SO1 Kevin R. Ebbert was deployed twice to Afghanistan, and as a medic saved many lives there. During his first deployment he repeatedly ran into fire to pull to safety or work on men that had been injured. He received a field promotion and one of his two Bronze Stars with Valor for his actions. He



REMEMBERING KEVIN Scott Hammond and a representative of Amvets Humboldt Chapter 96 present a folded flag to Kevin Ebberts' mother, Charlie Jordan and his sister, his sister Samantha Martinez. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

would set up a medical clinic for the local villagers, most who had never received any medical care in their life. His way was not pushy or abrupt. His teammates said Kevin "Was a gentle soul that was tough as nails."

Kevin was killed in action in Afghanistan



on Saturday, November 24, 2012. During his second deployment the Element he was leading was ambushed from above. Kevin held many specialties and being the radioman was one of them. Without regard for his own safety, Kevin stepped

out from behind cover to radio coordinates for air support. It was then that he was hit by a sniper. The firefight continued but Kevin had been successful in getting the location of his men back to base where air and ground support were able to extract all without further loss of life. Timing was unfortunate as this was to be Kevin's last mission and he was due to return to the states within weeks. He had received an early out in order to attend Old Dominion University in Virginia where he had been accepted to continue his education to become a full medical doctor.

Upon news of his death, many Commanders, Doctors and Officers from NATO nations as well as other branches of the military who had served with him in surgeries, etc., offered their comments on his medical abilities and their sorrow for his loss. Kevin received the following awards and medals: Two Bronze Stars: plus Valor Purple Heart Honor Man Navy Commendation Navy Achievement Combat Action Two Good Conduct medals Naval Defense Service Two Afghan Campaigns Global War on Terror Two Navy Sea Service medals NATO Expert Rifle Expert Pistol"

39th Annual Science Fair winners named

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

HUMBOLDT – The 39th Annual Humboldt County Doris Niles Science Fair was held March 12, virtually. Students in 4th through 12th grades from nearly 15 Humboldt County schools competed in the one-day, online event. Over 30 medals and special awards were presented to students for their unique science projects.

Project categories covered: Life Science – Animals, Life Science – Botany; Earth/Space Science; Math/Engineering/Inventions; and Physical Science. Humboldt County Science Fair Coordinator, Kim Dedini said, "It's inspiring to see the work of our future scientists being supported and encouraged by our scientific community."

Eight Grand Prize projects from four local schools will represent Humboldt County at the California State Fair competition, virtually on April 12. The Grand Prize winners are:

- Soquel Macdonald, 10th grade, Arcata High School
- Kyla Benzinger, 6th grade, Kneeland School
- Luke Prieditis, 7th grade, Jacoby Creek School
- Genevieve Caruso, 8th grade, Jacoby Creek School
- Zoe Cappuccio, 7th grade, Jacoby Creek School
- Anya Seiler, 7th grade, Jacoby Creek School
- Amalia Baugh, 7th grade, Freshwater School
- Miles D'Accardo-Starace, 7th grade, Freshwater School

The Humboldt County Office of Education thanks the major sponsors and co-sponsors who have supported this year's program. Sponsors include North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Rotary Club of Mad River, Rotary Club of Fortuna and Humboldt Masonic Lodge #39.

GOFUNDME FOR SIX RIVERS MONTESSORI A GoFundMe page has been established for Valley West's Six Rivers Montessori Elementary. With a goal of raising \$70,000, the page is titled Save Six Rivers Montessori Elementary!! Arcata CA. "Your contribution will keep us open and helps make Montessori education accessible to children from all socio-economic backgrounds," states Kiki Urynowicz, page organizer. "Any donation will help keep our school open going forward! Thanks in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to all!" sixriversmontessori.org

Initiative | More noticing

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lengthening the forbearance period for stream water diversion and requiring hydrological reports for well use.

A significant expansion of public noticing is also proposed, applying public hearing and discretionary permit reviews to farms with over 3,000 square feet of growing area regardless of parcel size.

The initiative is emerging as the county sees a downturn in the cannabis market and in the number of new cultivation permit applications. Now a struggling industry, Humboldt's

cannabis farming has even been described as being in danger of extinction.

Most permitted grows are pre-existing and many are below a half-acre in size.

The Humboldt County Growers Alliance, which represents farmers, has described the county's cannabis industry as having the strongest water protections of any agricultural use.

Last October, the alliance reported that there were 187 new cannabis permit applications pending, representing about 45 acres of land area.

Enforcement | Multiple McKinleyville abatements

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houses on their properties to grow food.

Heavy-handedness has been and continues to be alleged but Planning Director John Ford said the county's intent isn't "making people as villains – we're identifying where there are violations of county code and we're asking that those be corrected."

The county has a responsibility to carry out enforcement on unpermitted cannabis grows, he continued, but small-scale operations aren't on the radar.

"We have shown a lot of restraint in terms of going after smaller cultivation sites ... people who have small greenhouses and small areas we are not even notifying of violations, we basically have been leaving those alone," Ford said.

The county's rules allow small-scale cannabis farmers to get permits within 30 days, he continued.

There are many residents who want to see code enforcement stepped up and the report describes the county's near-future goals.

They include use of specific processes for abating properties where illegal drugs are being manufactured and sold, and enforcing "night sky" rules that require the covering of cannabis greenhouses using artificial lighting.

Homeless encampments often draw complaints and the county wants to be more responsive but is sometimes limited in that it can do because the people in the camps gain legal rights as tenants if they've lived in them long enough, according to the report.

The county has a list of properties

identified as needing abatement and will try to carry out cleanups of them in 2022.

Among the addresses on the list is 2227 Walker Avenue in McKinleyville, which is described in the report as hosting a junkyard, various animals and unpermitted construction.

Another McKinleyville property, at 743 Montana Road, is up for enforcement due to having junk vehicles, solid waste and what the report describes as the presence of homeless people.

The report also says that junk vehicles, solid waste and unpermitted structures are sought to be abated in Trinidad, at 473 Quarry Road. That's a longstanding case which has some defenders, as the site hosts a commune of alternative living structures known as Yee Haw.



BOOM 'EM DANNO Evidence from the drug bust. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Largest fentanyl bust in Humboldt history

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
EUREKA/ARCATA – Since September of 2021 the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) has been investigating a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that was distributing “M30” fentanyl pills in Humboldt County.



Robert Moorehead

HCDTF received information that Robert Moorehead, 24 years old from Arcata, was the leader of this DTO and was utilizing other co-conspirators to hold onto his pills and firearms in their residences to try and avoid detection. Through their investigation over several months the HCDTF was able to identify James Bingham, 59 years old from Eureka, and Richard West, 37 years old from Eureka, as the co-conspirators of the DTO.

On Tuesday March 22, the HCDTF with the assistance of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and Eureka Police Department served a search warrant at three locations for this DTO.

The first location was in the 1300 block of Vernon Street in Eureka. Agents detained Bingham inside this residence. During a search of this house agents located approx. 12,000 “M30” fentanyl pills as well as eight firearms. Some of the firearms were fully automatic and had short barrels. Three of the guns were non-registered firearms (ghost guns) and one firearm had the serial number removed.



Richard West

The second location was in the 2100 block of Frederick Avenue in Arcata. Agents detained Moorehead at this location without incident. Agents located one firearm, a small amount of cocaine, and a large amount of US currency in the residence.

The third location was a travel trailer in the Redwood Acres RV Park in Eureka. Agents detained West without incident. Inside the trailer agents located a safe that contained approx. 3,000 “M30” fentanyl pills and a large amount of US currency.

All three suspects were transported to the Humboldt County Jail where they were booked on suspicion of possession of controlled substance for sale, possession of controlled substance while armed, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, manufacturing an unsafe handgun, possession of a short-barreled rifle, possession of a machine gun, possession of illegal assault rifle and maintaining a drug house.

The seizure of 15,000 “M30” fentanyl pills is the largest fentanyl bust in Humboldt County history. Electronic evidence located on scene as well as statements of involved suspects confirmed that Moorehead was the leader of this DTO.

Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 267-9976.

Drink up & help Legacy Library

HUMBOLDT INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Independent Practice Association's School Based Wellness Centers have officially launched the second year of the Legacy Library! We have partnered with Cal Poly Humboldt's Recreation Department and Phatsy Klines for this special fundraiser. At Phatsy Klines on Wednesday, April 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be a silent auction and a portion of the drink sales will go towards the Legacy Library. The funds from the event will be used to purchase books that correlate with our empowerment groups: Pride, Girls Group, and The Young Men's Council. Our empowerment groups address conditions and risks, and work towards building on protective factors that support all youth. We utilize curriculum that is rooted in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Books will be donated to the following school libraries: ERC Court and Community, The Juvenile Hall, Sunny Brae Middle School, McKinleyville Middle School, and McKinleyville High School. Our current students in our Empowerment Groups have recommended the books in this year's Legacy Library. We hope that everyone encountering the Legacy Library will feel represented on their school campuses. We believe that positive representation can be helpful in increasing self-esteem for people of marginalized groups. Our expectation is that this library will help reduce stereotypes of underrepresented groups and provide validation and support.

❖ DOWNTOWN DRUG DEALS

Meth, shrooms bought in Plaza drug sting

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
ARCATA PLAZA – On Thursday, March 24 special agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF), with the assistance of the Arcata Police Department (APD), and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) conducted an undercover buy operation in the area of the Arcata Plaza. This operation was in response to multiple community complaints of drug dealing on and around the Plaza area.



Ezrah Cempa



Joshua Blinn

During the operation an undercover agent contacted a male on the Plaza who directed him to a motel room a few blocks away to purchase the methamphetamine. The agent successfully purchased methamphetamine in the motel parking lot from two individuals, Ezra Cempa, 22 years old from Arcata, and Joshua Blinn, 42 years old from Arcata.

Cempa and Blinn were placed under arrest and transported to the Humboldt County Jail where they were booked on suspicion of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine for



Marshall Adams



Victor Wellington

described as selling all the “shrooms” around the Plaza. The undercover agent contacted the individual on the phone and he agreed to meet the agent on South G Street in Arcata.

The undercover agent met Marshall Adams, 40 years old from Arcata, and Victor Wellington, 43 years old from Arcata, on South G Street. Adams and Wellington sold the agent psilocybin mushrooms.

Adams and Wellington were placed under arrest and transported to the Humboldt County Jail where they were booked on suspicion of conspiracy to distribute psilocybin mushrooms and possession of psilocybin mushrooms for sale

Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 267-9976.

❖ NORTH BEAT

Home invasion robbery in McKinleyville

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MCKINLEYVILLE – On Friday, March 18 at about 6:52 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on the 1100 block of Peeples Lane in McKinleyville for the report of a home invasion armed robbery.

Deputies arrived at the residence and located multiple victims, including two young children.

No one was physically injured during the incident. During their investigation, deputies learned that four male suspects arrived at the residence brandishing firearms.

The suspects reportedly bound the adult victims and stole canna-

bis, jewelry, electronics and cash from the victims. The suspects then reportedly fled the area.

The suspects are described as follows:

- A black male adult, age 20-30s, possibly known as “James,” approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, 180 pounds, with short black dreadlocks.

He was last seen wearing a turquoise jacket, blue sweatpants with a white stripe down the leg, socks and sandals.

- A black male adult, age 20-30s, possibly known as “Mike,” approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall, 200 pounds, with long black dreadlocks. He was last seen wearing a black

zip-up sweatshirt, a black shirt with red lettering, black sweatpants, and black and orange sandals.

The other two suspects are only described as black male adults, age 20-30s.

A vehicle possibly associated with the suspects is described as a 2013 black Mazda SUV, unknown license plate, last seen fleeing east toward Willow Creek.

This case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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GREEN RIBBON 6 Rivers Brewery celebrated their 18th anniversary (and St. Patrick's Day) with a ribbon cutting at their outdoor beer garden. The day-long celebration included their Green Glitter Beer, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Rueben sandwiches. Also on tap (pun intended) were by Rise Up Herbals hosting an Elixir and Mocktail Bar, The Oyster Lady BBQing fresh local oysters, and Tommy from Homeboldt. Evening festivities included a bagpiper and live music from local Ska-Reggae-Dub band, Checkered Past.

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McLaughlin announces for judge

BEN McLAUGHLIN CAMPAIGN
EUREKA – Ben McLaughlin last week announced his candidacy for the seat vacated by Judge Chris Wilson.

A McKinleyville resident, McLaughlin has 23 years' experience, equally divided as a civil litigation attorney, Prosecutor in the DA's Office, and Deputy Public Defender making him the most prepared on day one to conduct trials in all departments.

McLaughlin is supported by former District Attorney Paul Gallegos along with current Public Defender Luke Brownfield and a host of others of all political persuasions, from Fortuna Councilmember (and former Fortuna Police Chief) Mike Losey to retired Police Chiefs of Arcata and Eureka, Chapman and Watson.

"This community deserves a Superior Court Judge with the depth and breadth of experience that I bring to the Bench. It takes experience to understand the needs of the community and the ways in which to hold offenders accountable. There are times when an offender must go to prison, just as there are times offenders ought to have the opportunity to rehabilitate within our community. It takes experience to understand those differences."



Ben McLaughlin

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TRINIDAD – Come celebrate spring with the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust! We are a small community-based nonprofit with the central mission of providing coastal access to the public while protecting and enhancing ecosystems. Our amazing volunteers help restore natural habitat and promote biodiversity by removing invasive plant species from our coastline.

Additionally, they help maintain safe and reliable public trails for surfers, dog-walkers and beach enthusiasts alike. On March 5, we cleared invasive English ivy and Scotch broom from the headland above Baker Beach, helping to restore the beautiful trail out to the bluff.

Our third Work Day of the season will be at Luffenholtz Point and Houda Point. Due to erosion from winter storms, the trails to the beaches need repair. On April 22, we will have a special Earth Day Sunset Stewardship event, co-hosted with Mother Earth Engineering, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. near Little River! And lastly, our final spring Stewardship Work Day will be May 7 at Baker Beach, where we will follow-up our March project by repairing steps to the beach?

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How it started...



...How it's going



SIGNS OF CHANGE Humboldt Sta... oh sorry, Cal Poly Humboldt's Mediterranean-style entranceway at 14th Street and L.K. Wood Boulevard has been updated and is already getting Instagrammed. Top left, what used to be. Above, out with the old. Left, a blank slate. Right, CPH Marine Biology major Marina Rose Storey, who also does scientific diving and oceanography, is photographed by her former classmate, Abby Styczynski, who transferred to Sacramento State.

LEFT, UNION FILE PHOTOS; PHOTO ABOVE BY TERRY FINIGAN | UNION; RIGHT PHOTO BY KLH | UNION



McK'S BEST The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce held its annual Member's Choice Awards in Pierson Park Friday evening. The event featured outdoor dining, an awards presentation and live and silent auctions. Heat was provided by McKinleyville ACE Hardware. Above, Carol Clymo and Tracie Creps. Below, the Chamber's Jesse Miles.

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MAIN STREETING Main Street held its first Downtown Arcata Ball and New Member Meeting at the Arcata Theater Lounge Friday night. Top right, Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar. The evening's entertainment included awards for last year's Oyster Festival, events for this year's Oyster Festival, a thank you to Main Street businesses, present and past boardmembers and volunteers, a silent auction, merchandise, music, and other entertainment. The event is the main fundraiser for the newly resurgent Arcata Main Street organization.

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Thank you sincerely to all the AMS Board Members who have served in the past few years leading into the pandemic! We appreciate your service and all you have done (and still do) for Arcata!

Past Board Members

Vicky Joyce, Ceva Courtemanche, Dr. Tara, Nick Matthews, Dave Neyra, Peter St. Onge, Neff, Seiler





MANY MS. MAYORS

DEEP BENCH Most of Arcata's female former mayors, including the first one and the current one, gathered at Arcata City Hall Saturday morning for a group photo. Top Row, above, Mayor Julie Fulerson and Mayor Connie Stewart. Bottom row, Mayor Susan Ornelas, Mayor Alex Stillman, Mayor Stacy Atkins-Salazar, Mayor Sofia Pereira and Mayor Thea Gast.

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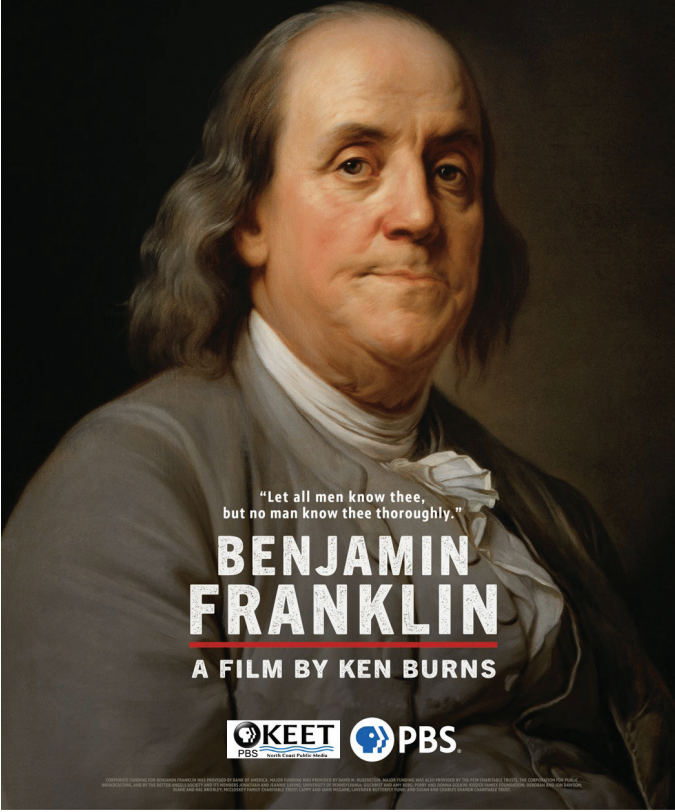
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McKinleyville making Multimodal Connections

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

MCKINLEYVILLE – Pedestrians and cyclists currently have few options to comfortably travel between Arcata and McKinleyville. The U.S. Highway 101 interchange with Central Avenue at North Bank Road is difficult to navigate and the Hammond Trail Bridge over the Mad River is two and a half miles out of the way.

The McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project’s goals are to enhance safety and connectivity for all modes, integrate transportation and housing planning efforts such as the proposed McKinleyville Town Center development, and provide environmental and community benefits such as the reduction of greenhouse gases and increased opportunities for commuting by transit, walking and bicycling.

The community is being asked for additional input on opportunities and challenges within the project area so the county can develop a plan for safe walking and bicycling connectivity between McKinleyville and community destinations to the south around Humboldt Bay.

The first round of com-



munity outreach was completed in late November 2021 and all public input has been compiled and used to create initial concept designs for transportation improvements in the project area. The first round included walking tours throughout the project area, a community meeting, a survey, and more.

The second round of outreach is underway and will include a Pop-Up Demonstration and a second

Community Meeting. The community is invited to the outreach events below to provide feedback on initial concept designs for transportation improvements in the project area!

Pop-Up Demonstration

This event will use temporary materials to demonstrate a potential concept design in person. This is a great opportunity to see the concept on the ground and provide feedback. The event will take place over

two days.

Where: Hiller Road and Central Ave (Event on Hiller Road)

When: Friday, April 1 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Community Meeting No. 2

The second community meeting will be in person and available through Zoom. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the project’s progress and provide feedback on potential designs. The public is strongly urged to participate. Spanish to English interpretation will be provided upon request.

Where: Azalea Hall , 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville and through Zoom

When: Thursday, April 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Please visit the project website below for the Community Meeting Zoom link and more information at bit.ly/mckmultimodalproj.

Thanks to a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant, community members, including an informal McKinleyville Trails Group, Humboldt County Public Works and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee have begun working to address deficiencies in non-motorized travel.

COMPLETE STREETS The City of Arcata in partnership with the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) is working on and planning to adopt a Complete Streets policy in the coming months. The adoption of a formal Complete Streets policy will allow the city to better coordinate existing multimodal transportation planning, design, and operation activities under a single Complete Streets framework.

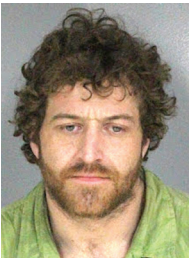
Numerous California counties, cities, and agencies have adopted Complete Streets policies and legislation to further the health, safety, welfare, economic vitality, and environmental well-being of their communities. The draft policy is scheduled for consideration at the next TSC meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Following the TSC meeting, the policy will be scheduled for a City Council

meeting for consideration in May of 2022. The draft policy is available on the City of Arcata website for public review and comment: cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/11772/DRAFT-Resolution---Complete-Streets-Policy The public can provide comments at the TSC meeting on April 19, 2022, or send to engineering@cityofarcata.org prior to the meeting.

Tanner trial upended by Perry Mason-like guilty plea

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT – On Friday, March 25, jury selection in the matter of People v. Ryan Tanner, 34 was interrupted when Tanner, through his attorneys Russell Clanton and Zack Curtis, sought to enter a guilty plea for the February 2020 killing of Jason Todd Garrett, 32, of Garberville, Calif. along with guilty pleas for additional crimes.



Ryan Tanner

At the preliminary hearing, witness Christopher Champagne stated that Garrett was kidnapped by Tanner as Garrett worked on a van along a rural road near Tanner’s property in China Creek, Calif. Champagne said that Tanner then lit the van on fire and took Garrett back to his home, where he interrogated Garrett about possibly being a thief. Champagne testified that

at one point, Tanner used a knife to cut Garrett’s throat and then used duct tape to cover his wound. Later, Tanner used a rifle to shoot Garrett in the head at close range. Tanner then burned down the cabin where the homicide occurred.

During the investigation, Champagne had informed Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office investigators that Tanner had threatened to kill him if he did not assist with the murder and subsequent burial of Garrett’s body. It was Champagne who led investigators to Garrett’s body, located in a hidden grave on Tanner’s property.

Champagne’s testimony during the preliminary hearing complicated the case, because it included the false claim that Tanner also murdered six law enforcement officers in the

days after Garrett’s murder. However, DNA evidence linked Tanner to Garrett’s murder: investigators found a cigarette butt with Tanner’s DNA close to Garrett’s grave. Additionally, a criminalist from the California Department of Justice found DNA linking Garrett, Champagne and Tanner to the roll of duct tape used on Garrett’s neck.

Around the time of Garrett’s murder, citizens of the Briceland, Ettersberg, and Redway communities had become increasingly concerned with Tanner’s behavior. A few days prior to the murder, Tanner used a rifle to threaten his neighbors and, on another occasion, stole a car from them while armed with a firearm. Also, in the weeks prior to the murder, Tanner assaulted his girlfriend with a firearm.

Earlier this week, Judge Cockrum ruled that prosecutors would be allowed to present evidence of a prior

kidnapping a year before the murder, as well as recordings of Tanner during a phone call wherein he claimed that he was the “guardian of the mountain” and if thieves came on his property, they “might end up dead.”

Including his guilty plea to manslaughter with use of a firearm for the killing of Garrett, Tanner pled to a total of 11 counts (each one is classified as a “strike”) against seven different victims. On April 11, 2022, Tanner will be sentenced to 39 years in prison and will waive credit for the more than two years he has already served in jail. Prior to accepting the plea family members and victims were notified.

Deputy District Attorney Whitney Timm prosecuted the case with assistance from District Attorney Investigator Marvin Kirkpatrick; Deputy District Attorneys Luke Bernthal and Jessica Acosta; and District Attorney Victim Witness Advocate Velda Gooden.

A pink blanket for camo, filchable fungibles for quarry

• **Monday, March 14 3:01 p.m.** The creative driver at Foster and Sunset avenues may have been swerving around recklessly in his decaying VW Rabbit, which, if it were a real animal, would be suffering from fur loss, but at least he was flipping off everyone around him.

• **Tuesday, March 15 1:28 a.m.** A man reported his nephew having been robbed of cannabis at gunpoint, the crime having taken place at “The Plaza in Valley West,” or maybe the one in Old Town Arcata, he wasn’t sure.

• **6:44 p.m.** A woman complained that her ex had left a microphone in her car and attempted to steal the windshield. She knew it was the ex because she has a restraining order against him, and that proves it.

• **7:49 p.m.** A Valley West store customer who made the mistake of setting his wallet containing \$500 down briefly had it immediately scooped up

by an urban backpacker, who was soon arrested.

• **Wednesday, March 16 12:19 a.m.** A man with a gigantic knife secured to his waistband made “uncomfortable comments” about the ages of employees at a Sunny Brae business.

• **Wednesday, March 16 4:12 a.m.** A Farmers Market van parked out West Eighth Street way looked like it had been prepped for gas siphoning, what with the hose and gas can that didn’t crawl over there by themselves. As a witness approached the area, a man in an ineffectual camouflage jacket and blue jeans burst from some nearby bushes and scampered away, abandoning his quest for organic, shade-grown, Fair Trade, GMO-free dino juice.

• **Friday, March 18 10:51 a.m.** Gas was reported siphoned from Farmers Market vehicles parked out on western Eighth Street. There was the usual

murky/useless security cam footage.

• **2:32 p.m.** A man wrapped in a pink blanket that was easily as effective as an invisibility cloak as the stylish camo more commonly not unseen worked his way down Janes Road, trying doorhandles, mailboxes... whatever he could run his grimy paws over in hopes of finding filchable fungibles.

• **Saturday, March 19 2:01 a.m.** A man gurgling his guts out in the bathroom of a Heindon Road restaurant was asked to leave, but only got as far as a table, where he fell asleep and became unresponsive. The good news was that he was still breathing, and well enough to be arrested on a public drunkenness charge.

• **2:06 p.m.** A man at a not-exactly-ritzy Valley West motel had been drinking when he struck up a friendship with some folks who, like he, had free time to socialize in his room. After they departed, he found some property left behind and told police that it “smelled like a female’s belongings.”



A QUARTER CENTURY AGO In 1997, Arcata pursued a vigorous public process to craft its General Plan. VIA MOONLIGHT MACUMBER

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Four task forces Council fashioned, To follow Brown Act proceedings. Appointed members: 34. They held 100-plus meetings

Opened to the involved public. Volunteering civic hours And with five neighborhood forums, CommUnity was empowered.

Historic facts... Where to begin...? Citizens led this town. We gave back. Yeah? Such synergy then!

Then in April, ’97, In the gym of Arcata High, 130-plus people Showed up and helped re-energize.

Brainstorming ideas with input, Defining goals and direction. This workshop included breakfast. Fun! Democracy in Action!

Much to unpack. View it again? We searched for common ground. Stayed on track. Yeah? And aimed for win-win.

Over 20 years have flashed by, Time to update that General Plan. Elements that now need adding, Our future (once more) in our hands.

Process is now in full motion: Presentations, tours are guided. There’s great change on our horizon, New visions will be decided.

Your chance to act: Zoom, email, pen. Council seeks your voice now. Give feedback. Yeah? You’re asked to chime in.

Arcata’s current General Plan 2020 was adopted in the year 2000.

To help guide and prepare that document, the Arcata City Council created a General Plan Task Force (10 members) and three specialized Task Forces: Environmental Policy (nine members); Design and Historical Preservation (nine members); and Health and Safety (six members).

To learn more about updates, details and ongoing community-wide engagement opportunities about the Arcata General Plan 2045 and the draft Gateway Area Plan (an optional Element):

- Visit the City of Arcata’s “Strategic Infill Redevelopment Program” (SIRP) webpage: cityofarcata.org.
 - Explore “Arcata Gateway District Community” public Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/317835799899031.
 - Instagram: [arcatagatewayplan](https://instagram.com/arcatagatewayplan) – instagram.com/arcatagatewayplan/?hl=en.
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These people seem to know what they're talking about

Drive 55, keep Earth alive

In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the need to stop buying Russian oil, The International Energy Agency issued a press release on March 18 promoting their 10-Point Plan for developed countries to ease both the oil supply crunch and the pain of rising gas prices.

Following the plan would lower oil demand by 2.7 million barrels per day within 4 months—an amount equivalent to the oil demand of all the cars in China.

First on the list is lowering highway speeds by at least 10 kilometers per hour (6 mph). (Car-free Sundays in cities, carpooling, making public transport cheaper, avoiding flying, and incentivizing walking and cycling are also on the list.)

Bob Schildgen, writing in the *Sierra Club* magazine, says this about achieving fuel efficiency in cars: "About 55 mph is the optimum speed for most cars. Kick it up to 65 mph you are 8% less efficient; at 80 mph you are 28% less efficient."

Legislating 55 mph on highways would be politically unpopular and we need Biden and a Democratic House and Senate in order to make progress against the climate crisis—instead of going backward as we did in the previous administration.

But climate-aware citizens don't need legislation to force them to do the right thing. We can do this now—ourselves. We can reduce our carbon footprint, save money, save lives, and show solidarity with the people of Ukraine by driving 55-59 mph on highways. It is so little to ask.

I've been driving 55 for years (and staying in the right lane, of course) and have literally never noticed a negative reaction from cars around me. When I'm on I-5, I'll accelerate to 60 if I need to be more in the flow with other cars. As it is now, the speed limit for trucks with 3 or more axles is 55.

The climate Action Campaign at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has a bumper sticker that says "DRIVE 55, Keep Earth alive." Contact me if you'd like one—margaretemerson@att.net.

Margaret Emerson
Arcata

Kimberley White's valuable qualities

Please join me in voting for Kimberley White in the June 7 Arcata City Council election. As an Arcata Planning Commissioner for the past three years, Kimberley understands the basics of Arcata's housing, business, cannabis, and zoning issues.

As a person of color and a first-generation college student with a masters degree, she can sensibly address the challenges of social justice, racism and ethnic relations in our town.

Housing for low-income folks is a top concern. She is a long-time advocate for the un-housed folks in our city. She is continuing her dedicated work with CUNA to revitalize the Valley West and North Arcata neighborhoods. She is committed to protecting Arcata's mobilehome parks that provide unsubsidized low-income housing for 570 households.

Her practical involvement in Arcata education issues includes being a current and long-time boardmember for Laurel Tree Charter School, where her daughter was a student. Kimberley is also very familiar with Six Rivers Charter and Arcata High School because her child attended these schools. Kimberley is an active HSU alum.

I am impressed with her list of accomplishments in Arcata, which is too long to print here. She is energetic, cheerful, and straight-forward. She is a good listener. Her vision of Arcata is for it to be good place to live for all income levels, not just the wealthy.

For these reasons, I enthusiastically endorse Kimberley White for Arcata City Council in the June 7th election.

Linda Derksen
Arcata

Steve has worked hard

I had known Steve Madrone for years prior to his election four years ago as our 5th District Supervisor through his work with

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RCAA on the Hammond Trail. At that time he demonstrated his ability to work with people of differing perspectives towards a common goal.

As our Supervisor, Steve has continued to work for all constituents of the 5th District, always with an eye to preserving the environment, fisheries, water and wildlife. He realizes the importance of maintaining the quality of life we value here in Humboldt County.

He has worked hard in a difficult time and we are proud to call him our Supervisor. My husband John and I both support Steve wholeheartedly. Please vote for Steve on June 7.

Barbara Brimlow
McKinleyville

Kimberley's deep involvement

Kimberley White has lived in Arcata for more than 30 years. She has received her education, worked, and raised her daughter in this community during which time she developed a deep and diverse connection with the people who live here.

She received her master's in Sociology from Humboldt State University, now Cal Poly Humboldt. She currently works for Cooperation Humboldt's CUNA program as its coordinator, is a member of the Arcata City Planning Commission, and is a volunteer for a broad spectrum of socially oriented organizations. Kimberley's involvement with the community has a long history and shows her commitment to the values which are consistent with the residents of this area.

Kimberley White manifests and adheres to certain beliefs and values that are critical to a well functioning democracy and make her a candidate for the Arcata City Council most worthy of our support. Primarily, she supports true democracy. She is aware that she must be forever vigilant in maintaining transparency in government, listening to the voices of all citizens of the community, and insuring that all citizens have an opportunity to participate equally in government decision making processes.

laboration between the City of Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt on multiple levels.

With the growth of Cal Poly Humboldt over the coming years, Kimberley envisions working with the University on issues of housing, parking, internships and employment of students to name a few.

Kimberley wants to ensure that the Arcata Gateway Project is on solid ground, both literally and figuratively. She wants to make certain that there can be sufficient water and sewage service to support some of the proposed development. Along with members of the Arcata Fire Department, Kimberley sees the necessity to take into consideration the limits of the current fire protection services. And, she wants to make sure that adequate parking and transportation services will be available for the projected increase in the number of tenants residing in the Gateway area. Kimberley believes that these issues should be addressed before, not after, a plan of development is adopted.

I believe that Kimberley will work diligently for the entire community drawing upon her education and experience. She has been successful in her service to our community and I think that she will do an outstanding job as a member of the Arcata City Council.

Suzanne Castiglione
Arcata

McLaughlin most qualified

Right now the historic confirmation hearings of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson are underway—historical as she is the first Black woman ever nominated to sit on The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

What strikes me is that there is currently an African American, Justice Clarence Thomas, and there is the female Justice, Amy Coney Barrett, seated on the highest court in the land. Yet I don't find that either of those attributes have engendered any sense of comfort that either of those two will look out for my rights, or those of many of my fellow Americans.

I celebrate Ms. Jackson being the first Black woman on The SCOTUS and, I stand with Cory Booker and second his sentiments on this matter (see 10 minute video at: tinyurl.com/2p86c722). However, what I find even more intriguing in regards to social justice, is that Ketanji Brown Jackson is also the first nominee in the history of The SCOTUS to have once served as a public defender!

That brings me to Ben McLaughlin, candidate for Superior Court Judge here in Humboldt County

Most Judges are former prosecutors, as is Ben. He served seven years as a Deputy

District Attorney and during that time he had a 90 percent conviction rate. Impressive numbers, and one reason why he has earned the endorsement of so many in law enforcement, including the retired police chief of Arcata Tom Chapman, and the retired chief of police of Eureka Steve Watson, Fortuna City Councilman and

former Fortuna police officer, Humboldt County Deputy Sheriff and District Attorney Investigator Mike Losey, as well as the endorsement of former District Attorney Paul Gallegos. But, Ben has also been endorsed by the current Humboldt County Public Defender Luke Brownfield.

You see, Ben McLaughlin has also served five years as a Public Defender. This is a significant distinction from his opponent in this race. As I reference when speaking of the

current Supreme Court nominee, we want judges who understand both side of the courtroom.

We want judges who understand the court room not just from the perspective of the most privileged, but also from the least empowered in our society. This experience has added to Ben's respect for all parties involved in the legal process. Including his time in private practice, Ben McLaughlin has 23 years of experience in the court room.

To me, this makes Ben McLaughlin the more qualified candidate for judge.

Ben has the proven experience that creates respect for the process and for all parties. This is why we should elect Ben McLaughlin Superior Court Judge on June 7th.

You can visit his website: Ben4Judge.com to learn more, and he seems to respond to all email directly, which I think is pretty cool!

Richard Salzman
Arcata

Multitudinous March madnesses

"March Madness" has multiple meanings this year due to the Ukraine conflict. The word "madness" can denote insanity, senseless folly, rage, or intense excitement, the last applying to the March Madness of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The other three meanings can be associated with the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The first madness, insanity, applies to Vladimir Putin who's been judged insane for his decision to invade Ukraine. The next madness, senseless folly, is the invasion itself. Even if Russia is victorious, it will pay a high price in human life and materiel with the reward being a devastated country whose population doesn't want them there. The third madness, rage, is the rage expressed by the demonstrators and others opposed to Russia's invasion, especially given its ruthlessness.

One additional madness can be found in the coined term MADness. Here MAD is Mutually Assured Destruction, the doctrine that hostilities between countries should be avoided because their weaponry could result in nuclear annihilation of all sides. It is this MADness that allows Putin a free hand to invade Ukraine with conventional weapons while it prevents the U.S. and other western nations from intervening directly out of fear WWII will ensue. Instead, they must stand back and attempt to deter Putin by other means including imposing economic sanctions on Russia and providing Ukraine defensive weapons.

On the one hand, we must hope that by March 2023 this conflict will be resolved with peace in an independent democratic Ukraine and only the madness of the NCAA Basketball Tournament remaining.

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

Thank You for putting a newspaper together week after week.
Really appreciate opening The Mad River Union each week.
C? Katz

Valentine's Day is celebrated once a week when our MRU arrives in the mail!

The line that made me vow to become a life-long subscriber to the mad river union was: "ABANDONED SIDEWALK FURNITURE SERVES AS DISTRIBUTED NAPPING NETWORK" I have two sons that live in Humboldt County - in very different circumstances - Your paper manages to cover both their lives. Thank you!

I want to let you know that your paper keeps me up-to-date on local happenings. Without it I would not know what is actually happening even in Eureka! Thank you for great reporting - keep up the great coverage.

SCENE

Saxophonist, clarinetist Monty Cole takes the stage at Cal Poly

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CPH – The Cal Poly Humboldt School of Dance, Music and Theatre presents an outstanding Guest Artist Series concert featuring clarinetist and saxophonist Monty Cole on Sunday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

A versatile performer, Cole appears throughout the country as a performing artist and clinician in both the classical and jazz genres. He will be joined on stage by pianist and Cal Poly Humboldt accompanist John Chernoff, as well as Cal Poly Humboldt faculty clarinetist and saxophonist Virginia Ryder.

Concert tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for children, and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID and may be purchased at the door or in advance at centerarts.humboldt.edu. Select “School of Dance, Music, and Theatre” from the “All Events” drop down menu and select your event.

A \$7 Livestream ticket may be purchased on the same site if attending the concert in person is not an option. Proof of COVID vaccination and booster is still required for all guests on campus. At press time, facemasks are optional, but strongly encouraged.

A California native, Cole earned his B.A. in music at Humboldt State University, where he was also a member of the music faculty from 1986 to 1990. He earned his Masters in Music degree from the Univer-



COMING TO CPH Monty Cole performs Sunday, April 10. SUBMITTED PHOTO

sity of Kentucky and in 1998 completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the Cincinnati Conservatory. In the Fall of 2002 he joined the faculty of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where he is professor of clarinet and saxophone, as well as the Director of Jazz Studies.

As a clarinet artist, Cole has worked with numerous orchestras including the Rich-

mond Symphony in Indiana, the Lexington Philharmonic in Kentucky, the St. Martin Chamber Orchestra in Cincinnati, the Minot Symphony in North Dakota, and the Macon and Ocmulgee Symphonies in Georgia.

As a chamber musician, he has toured throughout North and Central America. As a saxophonist, he has toured with the Guy Lombardo Big Band and performed with a number of jazz artists including Frank Mantooth, Vince Dimartino, Brad Goode, Pat Harbison, Ed Soph, Randy Porter, Larry Engstrom, Dick Titterington, Joe Henderson, and many others.

Recent performances include the internationally syndicated *Oprah Winfrey Show* with Josh Groban and in concerts with Barry Manilow, Kristin Chenoweth, and Sarah McLachlan. His jazz solo CD *Mile to the East* was released in 2007, and his debut novel, *Edgar Allan and the Raven*, was published in 2020.

The repertoire for the concert includes *Hot-Sonata*, a jazz sonata for alto saxophone and piano by Czech composer and

pianist Erwin Schulhoff, *Sonatina for clarinet and piano* by Austrian-born, English composer and conductor Joseph Horowitz, *Fantasy-Sonata for clarinet and piano* by English composer and music educator John Ireland, *Sonata for two clarinets* by French composer and pianist Francis Poulenc, and *Konzertstück for two alto saxophones*, by the German composer, music theorist, teacher, violist and conductor Paul Hindemith.

The collaboration between Cole and Ryder is inspired by the fact that they both studied early in their university years with the same teacher, Ed Harris, who was ultimately the Director of Bands at Stanislaus State and San Jose State Universities after teaching at HSU and the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, the schools Cole and Ryder attended, respectively.

“I consider Ed one of my most important professional and musical mentors,” says Ryder. Monty Cole plans to offer a master class during his visit to the North Coast. For more information, please contact virginia.ryder@humboldt.edu.

❖ 77TH SEMI-ANNUAL HARRY S. KIEVAL LECTURE

‘Simple problems that are hard to solve’

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CPH – Dr. Jesús A. De Loera, professor of mathematics at UC Davis, will deliver the 77th semi-annual Harry S. Kieval Lecture at Cal Poly Humboldt on Thursday, April 7.

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. in Room 135 of the Science-B Building on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. The public is welcome to this free lecture, which is geared toward a general audience.

The title of the lecture is “Simple Problems that are Very Hard to Solve: My Favorite Unsolved Problems about Polyhedra.”

Dr. De Loera will give attendants a taste of his own research in computational geometry through familiar objects like triangles, squares, polygons, pyramids, or cubes.

Polyhedra, their high-dimensional versions, turn out to be widely used in applied mathematics. Their beauty and simplicity appeal to all, but very few people know of the many easy-to-state but difficult-to-solve mathematical problems that hide behind their beauty.

The lecture will have lots of nice pictures and will introduce the audience to some fascinating unsolved questions at the frontier of mathematical research and its applications. No prior knowledge beyond elementary geometry will be assumed.

Dr. De Loera’s research

is in the areas of Combinatorial & Computational Applied Mathematics. He was born and raised in Mexico City, and completed his B.S. in Mathematics at the National University of Mexico in 1989. Subsequently, he completed his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at Cornell University under the supervision of Dr. Bernd Sturmfels.

He has been a member of the faculty at UC Davis since 1999. He has held visiting positions at the University of Minnesota, the Swiss Federal Technology Institute (ETH Zürich), the Mathematical Science Institute at Berkeley (MSRI), Universität Magdeburg (Germany), the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at UCLA (IPAM), the Newton Institute of Cambridge Univ. (UK), and the Technische Universität München.

He is an expert in the field of Discrete Mathematics, but his research encompasses a diverse set of topics including his work in (pure) Convex Geometry, Algebraic Combinatorics, and Combinatorial Commutative Algebra, as well as his (applied) work in Combinatorial Optimization and Algorithms.

For his dedication to outstanding mentoring and teaching he received the 2003 UC Davis Chancellor’s fellow award, the 2006 UC Davis award for diversity, the 2007 Award for excellence in Service to



APPLIED MATHEMATICS Dr. Jesús A. De Loera inside a polyhedra. PHOTO FROM UC DAVIS WEBSITE

Graduate Students by the UC Davis graduate student association, and the 2013 Chancellor’s award for mentoring undergraduate research.

In 2017, he was awarded the Mathematical Association of America Golden Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics, and in 2018 he won the UC Davis College of Letters and Science Distinguished Teaching Award. He has successfully supervised fourteen Ph.D. students, eight postdoctoral scholars, and over 50 undergraduates doing research projects.

The Kieval lecture series is named for HSU Mathematics Professor Emeritus, Dr. Harry S. Kieval, who taught at HSU from 1966 to 1979.

Dr. De Loera will also give a separate lecture earlier the same day as a part

of the Mathematics Colloquium. That lecture titled, “A Geometer’s view of Statistical Inference and Machine learning,” will begin at 4 p.m. in Room 166 of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) building on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. The colloquium talk is also free to the public.

For more information visit math.humboldt.edu/get-involved/mathematics-colloquium.

In order to ensure the continued safety of our campus community, Cal Poly Humboldt asks all visitors to campus to wear masks at all times.

Additionally, please be prepared to present a vaccination card with proof of initial vaccination and booster or a negative COVID-19 test result from the last 72 hours, if requested by Humboldt staff.

Tour the lighthouse

Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open for its regular first Saturday welcoming of visitors on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon, courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management-California Coastal National Monument, Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum Society docents.

Pedestrians may walk up Lighthouse Road for about one half mile and go through the open gate to the 1871 lighthouse on the southwest edge of Trinidad Head.

No vehicular access. Pets must be on leashes.

Willie Stein, Matthew Dodge and Howdy Emerson are the April docents who can offer historical information about the lighthouse and the last fog bell house in California, observable from the lighthouse.



The original 1898 two-ton fog bell is now located in front of the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse in the harbor, but an electronic fog bell sound still emanates from the fog bell house. An LED light at the lighthouse maintained by the United States Coast Guard still is a welcoming beacon for mariners.

Volunteering in Ukraine

James and Susan Stephenson’s family members, Tai and Narda, have traveled to Eastern Europe. Tai is in Krakaw, Poland with people from his university, St. Andrews in Scotland, to help prepare and serve food to Ukrainian refugees.

Narda has journeyed to the border of Poland and Ukraine to serve as a medical volunteer for refugees. She is serving with the same American medical group with which she served in Haiti a few years ago. James and Susan are sponsoring a fundraiser for Narda’s project. For details, go to wp.me/pXXyi-Km.

Trinidad Art Nights

Trinidad Art Night organizers Antoinette Magyar, available by text at (559) 355-8896 and Joli Einem, (707) 834-2479, invite sponsors, venues, artists and musicians to contact them about supporting and participating in the Trinidad Art Nights scheduled to commence on the last Saturday of each month between May through October from 6 to 9 p.m.

There are several sponsorship levels available, from \$120 to \$1,600, for the six-month season. Go to trinidadartnight.com to learn more. You also may email trinidadart95570@gmail.com or westhavenarts@gmail.com for details on how you can be a part of this popular evening event.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

RICHARD’S GOAT TAVERN & TEA ROOM Nolan Potter’s Nightmare Band from Austin, Texas, with El Paso-based Holy Wave opening, will play Wednesday, March 30 at the Miniplex at Richard’s Goat at 401 I St. in Arcata. Nolan Potter has quietly painted a beatific masterpiece that veers from the whimsical to the wiggled out, deftly weaving an untamed tapestry of sound all the while archly commenting on the present musician’s predicament. Show begins at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$12 in advance at miniplex.ticketleap.com, or \$15 at the door. For more information, call (707) 630-5000 or visit richardsgoat.com.

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Kyle Glass (of Tenacious D) with opening act Trainwreck will play Wednesday, March 30 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata.

ta. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. All Ages. Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call (707) 613-3030 or visit arcatatheatreloounge.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWS Reggae artists Kabaka Pyramid and Hempress Sativa will play Friday, April 1 at Humboldt Brews at 856 10th St. in Arcata. A conscious revolutionary lyricist with a unique musical style; blending the power, energy and melody of Reggae with the lyricism of Hip hop, she’s broken grounds with appearances in Mexico, the Sierra Nevada World Music Festival, Reggae on The River and the Northwest World Reggae Festival. Doors open at 9 p.m., show begins at 9:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$30 in advance at tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/388648 and \$35 at the door. For more informa-

tion, call 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Jerry’s Middle Finger will play Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. All ages Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$19 at the doors. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call (707) 613-3030 or visit arcatatheatreloounge.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWS Noche Salsera con Tropiqueño & DJ Amura Shia plays Saturday, April 2 at Humboldt Brews at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Tropiqueño is a 14-piece Humboldt county-based music group that celebrates Latin American sound and specializes in old-school salsa revival. Show begins at 9 p.m. 21 and

over. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

HUMBOLDT BREWS The Infamous Stringdusters will play Tuesday, April 5 at at Humboldt Brews at 856 10th St. in Arcata. After finally being in the same room for the first time in six months, the Infamous Stringdusters seized the moment for their revealing new album, *Toward the Fray*. Inspired by self-reflection and a strong sense of solidarity, the project documents the Grammy Award-winning group’s remarkable growth as instrumentalists as well as songwriters. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$30 in advance at tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/388961 and \$35 at the door. For more information, call 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

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NAME STATEMENT
22-00156

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ACCURATE DRUG TESTING SERVICES
1459 MYRTLE AVE.
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ERIC A. WENNERHOLM
2344 GOLD COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
ANN M. WENNERHOLM
2344 GOLD COURSE RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE
S/ERIC WENNERHOLM
OWNER
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NAME STATEMENT
22-00174

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IRONCLAD SOLUTIONS
160 BLACKBERRY LANE
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
RICK L. STEELE
160 BLACKBERRY LANE
ARCATA, CA 95521
ANN
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
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OWNER SOLE PROPRIETER
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NAME STATEMENT
22-00171

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FEAST OF FLOWERS BAKERY
1890 RIBEIRO CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
FEAST OF FLOWERS BAKERY LLC
CA 202205310346
1890 RIBEIRO CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S/LARA A. COX
MANAGER
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NAME STATEMENT
22-00177

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WIGGLE WAY FARM
2203 OLD ARCATA ROAD
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
WIGGLE WAY FARM LLC
CALIFORNIA
202206110410
2203 OLD ARCATA ROAD
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
S/ASHLEY HUNTER
ASHLEY HUNTER, SOLE MEMBER/MANAGER OF WIGGLE WAY FARM LLC
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22-00123

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHINA CREEK COTTAGES
40526 STATE HIGHWAY 299
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
1066 VINTAGE CT.
VACAVILLE, CA 95688
N&R HOSPITALITY CORPORATION
CA C4816147
1066 VINTAGE CT.
VACAVILLE, CA 95688
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
S/NOOR AHMED MUBEEN
PRESIDENT
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
22-00122

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COHO COTTAGES
76 WILLOW ROAD
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
1066 VINTAGE CT.
VACAVILLE, CA 95688
N&R HOSPITALITY CORPORATION
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SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):

CV2000718
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): AARON WASE
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501-1153
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DATE (Fecha): 7/22/20
CINDY C., Clerk (Secretario), by KIM M. BARTLESON, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)
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SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: CV2101338
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: RENEE ANSLEY, KATHRYN ANSLEY, DEBORAH ANSLEY, THE HEIRS FOR DEVICES OF PAULINE CORLEY AND DOES 1-10, INCLUSIVE
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): RUSSELL S. GANS (BAR #186065)
THE MITCHELL LAW FIRM, LLP
426 FIST ST.
P.O. DRAWER 1008
EUREKA, CA 95501
DATE: FEB. 10, 2022
Kim L. Bartleson, Clerk, by SHENAZ D., Deputy
Date: FEB. 10, 2022
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inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth St. Eureka, CA 95501
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): KELLY M. WALSH 159155 MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP
100 M ST.
EUREKA, CA 95501
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Kim L. Bartleson, Clerk, by ANGEL R., Deputy
Date: SEPT. 16, 2021
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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION
UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: Baby Boy Humboldt111821
Case No. JV2100151
1. To unknown alleged mother & unknown alleged father and any persons claiming to be mother and father and anyone claiming to be a parent of Baby Boy Humboldt111821 born on 11/18/2021 in a tent under the Mad River bridge in Arcata, CA then transported to Mad River Hospital.
2. A hearing will be held on 6/1/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
Check the court's website on how to appear at your hearing. There will be information posted on how to appear remotely if the court remains closed. For assistance with appearing virtually, please contact Child Welfare Services' main phone line at (707) 445-6180.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
JEFFERSON BILLINGSLEY, COUNTY COUNSEL #233776
JOAN TURNER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #152986
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: MARCH 8, 2022
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notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: APRIL 7, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
JORDAN JAMES NIKOLAI
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2200354
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name: JORDAN JAMES NIKOLAI to Proposed name: AEPRYLE FOOL NIKOLAI
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: APRIL 29, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov>.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT SCOTT RILEY
CASE NO.: PR2200067
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
ROBERT SCOTT RILEY, SCOTT RILEY, R.S. RILEY
A Petition for Probate has been filed by INO RILEY in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: INO RILEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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EUREKA SYMPHONY Lucy Fitz Gibbon and Ryan MacEvoy McCollough will perform April 8 and April 9 at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Experience ‘An Extraordinary Evening’

EUREKA SYMPHONY

EUREKA – “Experience an extraordinary evening” may well be an understatement as nationally acclaimed musicians Ryan MacEvoy McCollough and Lucy Fitz Gibbon join the Eureka Symphony for a nuanced and vibrant evening of music on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St. in Eureka.

The concerts begin with the dramatic *Suite No. 1* from Bizet’s *Carmen* followed by soprano Fitz Gibbon singing Handel’s *Sileti Venti*, a piece that “demands care-free virtuosity backed up by a solid vocal technique.” After a brief intermission, pianist McCollough completes the evening performing Beethoven’s *Concerto #4 in G Major* with the depth of musicianship for which McCollough is well-known.

Pianist McCollough has a long history with the Eureka Symphony, beginning with winning the Symphony’s Young Artist Competition in 2011 to more recent homecoming performances as a guest artist.

Raised behind the Redwood Curtain, McCollough has since developed a diverse career as soloist, vocal and instrumental collaborator, composer, recording artist and pedagogue. It has been written that “his virtuosity was evident and understated, his playing projected a warmth... that conjured the humanity of Artur Schnabel,” (Eli Newberger, *The Boston Musical Intelligencer*) and in a performance of contemporary music, a critic said that he “found a perfect balance between the gently shimmering and the more brittle, extroverted strands... and left you eager to hear the rest.” (Allan Kozinn, *NY Times*).

Lucy Fitz Gibbon, soprano, first graced the Eureka Symphony with her dazzling voice at our 2019 holiday concert. Fitz Gibbon is the recipient of numerous awards for her musical and academic achievements and has performed worldwide.

She is currently Interim Director of Vocal Programs at Cornell University and on the faculty of Bard College Conservatory’s Graduate Vocal Arts Program, and served as voice faculty for Kneisel Hall’s 2020 and 2021 seasons.

A 2020 review in *New York Arts* best summarized her talents with “Lucy Fitz Gibbon . . . is well on her way to being the Lucy Shelton of her generation. She not only masters the difficulties of the musical writing and understands the texts and expresses their meaning, she has great fun conquering the challenge and projected the essence of the music. Few singers are nearly as comfortable in this demanding repertory, which often gives the singer less than a minute to make a complete statement.”

Tickets can be purchased online at eurekasymphony.org or by calling (707) 845-3655. COVID vaccination proof required and will be checked at the door. Masks are required.

❖ CREAMERY DISTRICT

Family Fun Series starts Saturday

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA – The Arcata Playhouse celebrates its sixteenth year of presenting the Family Fun Series, which runs Saturday, April 2 through Saturday, April 16.

Thanks to generous sponsorship by local businesses, the Playhouse is able to offer free and low-cost tickets to kids and families to come enjoy a myriad of upcoming events.

All events will be held in a big top circus tent, being installed in the field on Eighth Street in the Creamery District of Arcata. This opportunity for audiences to safely gather has been provided by a partnership between the City of Arcata and Playhouse Arts, through the Arcata Outdoor Events Grant.

The tent was scheduled to be installed last Sunday and will remain up throughout the event series.

On Saturday, April 2, audiences can enjoy New York-based storyteller David Gonzalez in *Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World*, performing at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Some tickets have been given to area families through community partnerships with First Five Humboldt and Northcoast Children’s Services, and others are available to reserve for \$4 each at arcataplayhouse.org.

From Sunday, April 3 to Thursday, April 7, families can come enjoy a number of free events. On Sunday, April 3, members of the



Yurok Tribe bring Native Cultures Day. Ernie Albers Jr. will present storytelling at 3 p.m., which will be followed by Ner-er-Ner: Getting to know Local Coastal Natives from 4 to 5 p.m.

On Monday April 4 audiences can come enjoy clown duo Coventry & Kaluza at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 will bring an “Open Stage”, where young performers can have their moment to shine on the stage in the tent and have a picnic with their family from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 kids can craft butterfly wings from 5 to 7

p.m.

On Thursday, April 7th Librarian Sue Parsons will entertain preschoolers with Story Time at 10 a.m. Later that day, at 6 p.m., families can come enjoy a free film screening of *Inside Out* with a complimentary catered meal from First Five Humboldt.

Kids and families can get their wiggle on at the Day of Dance Sunday, April 10th. Preschool Movement with Kids in the Hive and Creative Dance starts at 10 a.m., which is a free event, followed by 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. by family Capoeira with Espaço, priced at \$15 per person or \$25 for a family ticket.

From 1 to 4 p.m. families can enjoy a free World Dance Showcase. The festival culminates on Saturday, April 16 with our annual Cirque du Schwazee, \$6 for kids and \$12 for adults, no one turned away for lack of funds.

For specific times and ticketing guests can go to arcataplayhouse.org. Some events will require masks.

GEAR SALE Friends of the Dunes will hold its Get Outside Gear Sale on Saturday, April 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Ln. in Manila. This annual fundraiser helps us raise money for our free environmental education programs while supplying the community with secondhand outdoor gear. Find great deals on backpacks, wetsuits, kayaks, and much more!

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Watch the **NEW Season** of **STUDIO SPACE** *Beginning* Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION VIRTUAL EDUCATION JOB FAIR

APRIL 27, 2022
4:00PM - 6:00PM (PST)

Participate in the upcoming virtual education job fair sponsored by Humboldt County Office of Education

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL EDUCATION JOB FAIR?

- Customized exclusively to the education profession
- Simulates the look and feel of a real fair through an online platform
- Supports live chats and video conferences from the office or home
- Connects education credential holders, substitutes, paraprofessionals, and classified staff with Humboldt County School districts and charter schools

SCAN OR CODE TO REGISTER!

REGISTER: <https://thecentervirtualevents-hcoe22.vfairs.com>

CANDIDATES: FREE | AGENCIES: NO FEE

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CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALIFORNIA CENTER ON TEACHING CAREERS
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HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Assistant Superintendent: Colby Smart, csmart@hcoe.org

EVENT QUESTIONS: Jenny Bowen, jbowen@hcoe.org, 707-445-7039

California Center on Teaching Careers

Tulare County Office of Education
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Date Revised: 3/10/2022

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United Indian Health Services, Inc.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United Indian Health Services is seeking interested Indian Community Members in serving as potential Candidates to be members of the UIHS Board of Directors. Potential Candidates must reside in and around the UIHS Service area within one of the following areas:

Area 1: Del Norte County – An Alternate for remaining three year term (June 2024)
Area 2: Orick, Trinidad, McKinleyville, and Blue Lake – An Alternate for remaining two year term (June 2023)
Area 3: Arcata, Eureka, Table Bluff, and all points south (within Humboldt County) – A Primary and Alternate for three year term (June 2024)
Area 4: Hoopa and Willow Creek – An Alternate for remaining two year term (June 2023)
Area 5: Weitchpec, Johnson’s and Orleans – A Primary and Alternate for remaining three year term (June 2024)

All interested Indian Community Members may request a Declaration of Candidacy packet at www.uihs.org, at any UIHS Clinic, or by calling 707.825.4136 or 707.825.5063. The Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted **no later than April 9, 2022** to: UIHS Election Committee, P.O. Box 4238, Arcata, CA 95518.